

## Thriller

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**LOS ANGELES (AP)** —After just a few moments in Michael Jackson's bedroom, the paramedic dispatched to save the singer's life knew things weren't adding up. There was the skinny man on the floor, eyes open and a surgical cap on his head. His skin was turning blue. Paramedic Richard Senneff asked the sweating, frantic-looking doctor in the room what condition the stricken man had.



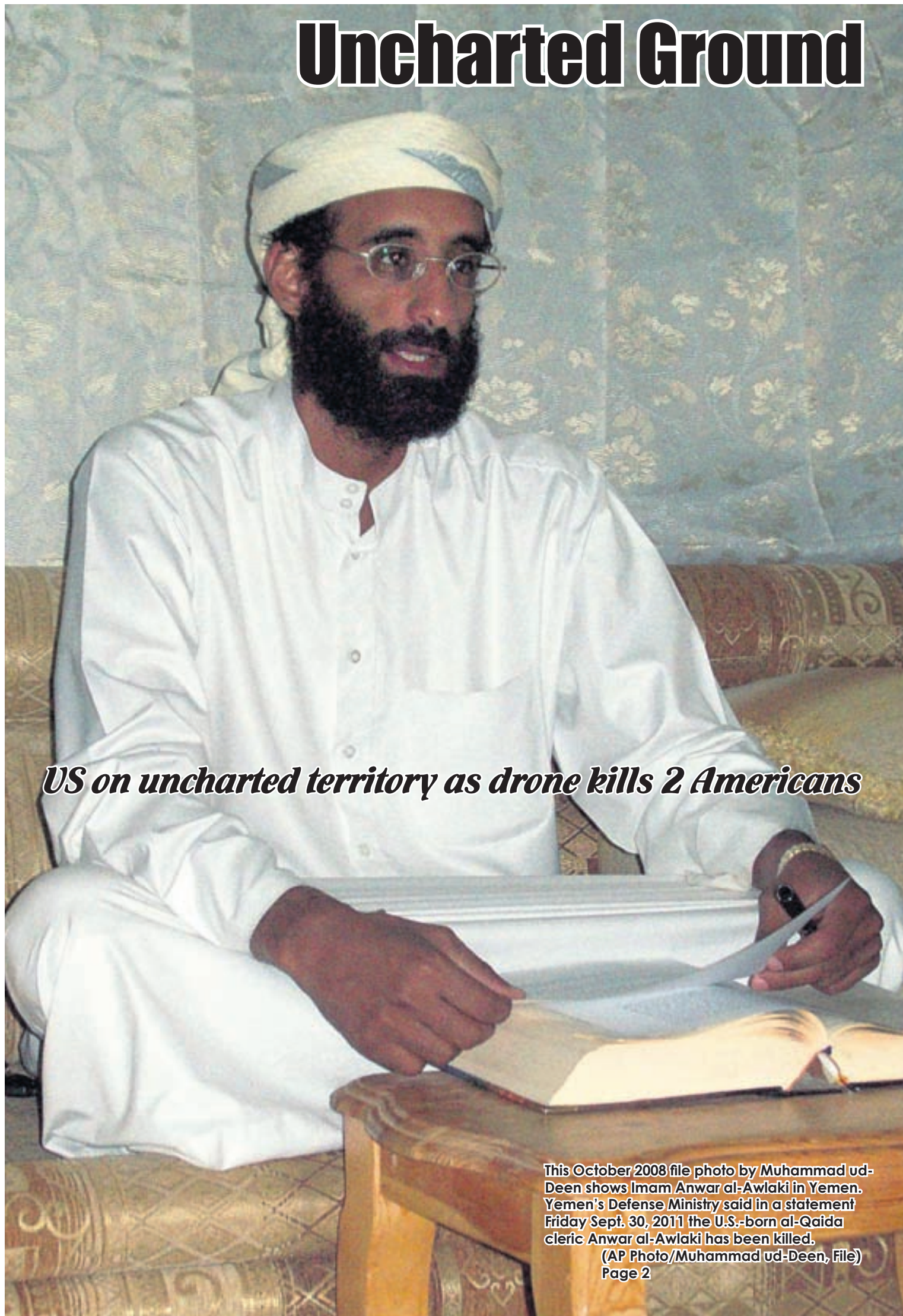
Conrad Murray with Defense Attorney Edward Chernoff looks on during the Conrad Murray involuntary manslaughter trial in downtown Los Angeles, Friday, Sept. 30, 2011. Murray has pleaded not guilty and faces four years in prison and the loss of his medical license if convicted of involuntary manslaughter in Michael Jackson's death.

(AP Photo/Al Seib, Pool)

"He said, 'Nothing. He has nothing,'" Senneff told jurors at the involuntary manslaughter trial of Jackson's doctor, Conrad Murray. "Simply, that did not add up to me," Senneff said. Over the course of the 42 minutes that Los Angeles paramedics tried to revive Jackson, several other things about the room and Murray's responses seemed inconsistent with what had really happened, Senneff said.

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## Uncharted Ground



*US on uncharted territory as drone kills 2 Americans*

This October 2008 file photo by Muhammad ud-Deen shows Imam Anwar al-Awlaki in Yemen. Yemen's Defense Ministry said in a statement Friday Sept. 30, 2011 the U.S.-born al-Qaida cleric Anwar al-Awlaki has been killed.

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# US on uncharted territory as drone kills 2 Americans

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**MATT APUZZO**

**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)**

— President Barack Obama steered the nation's war machine into uncharted territory when a U.S. drone attacked a convoy in Yemen and killed two Ameri-

tions of presidential power. Anwar al-Awlaki, the target of the U.S. drone attack, was one of the best-known al-Qaida figures after Osama bin Laden. American intelligence officials had linked him to two nearly catastrophic attacks on U.S.-bound planes, an airliner on Christmas 2009 and

said Friday in announcing al-Awlaki's death. "Working with Yemen and our other allies and partners, we will be determined, we will be deliberate, we will be relentless, we will be resolute in our commitment to destroy terrorist networks that aim to kill Americans." Republicans and Demo-



**Anwar al-Awlaki speaks in a video message posted on radical websites. Yemen's Defense Ministry said in a statement Friday Sept. 30, 2011 the U.S.-born al-Qaida cleric Anwar al-Awlaki has been killed. The ministry provided no details in the statement Friday on one of its websites.**

(AP Photo/SITE Intelligence Group)

can citizens who had become central figures in al-Qaida. It was believed to be the first instance in which a U.S. citizen was tracked and executed based on secret intelligence and the president's say-so. It also raised major questions about the limita-

cargo planes last year. The second American killed in the drone attack, Samir Kahn, was the editor of Inspire, a slick online magazine aimed at al-Qaida sympathizers in the West. "Al-Qaida and its affiliates will find no safe haven anywhere in the world," Obama

crats alike praised the decision to launch the fatal assault on the convoy in Yemen. "It's something we had to do," said Republican Rep. Peter King, chairman of the Homeland Security Committee in the House of Representatives. □

# Info from Jackson doctor didn't add up



**Paramedic Richard Senneff testifies during Conrad Murray's involuntary manslaughter trial in downtown Los Angeles, Friday, Sept. 30, 2011. Murray has pleaded not guilty and faces four years in prison and the loss of his medical license if convicted of involuntary manslaughter in Michael Jackson's death.**

(AP Photo/AI Seib, Pool)

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After repeated prodding, Murray revealed a few details about his actions, saying that he had only given Jackson a dose of the sedative lorazepam to help him sleep. Senneff noted there were bottles of medicine on Jackson's nightstand, and Murray finally offered that he was treating the singer for dehydration and exhaustion. Murray never mentioned that he had also been giving Jackson doses of the anesthetic propofol and other sedatives, a key omission that prosecutors say shows he repeatedly tried to conceal his actions during the struggle to save Jackson. Murray, 58, has pleaded not guilty. If convicted, Murray could face up to four years in prison and lose his medical license. Prosecutors con-

tend the Houston-based cardiologist repeatedly lied to medics and emergency room doctors about medications he had been giving Jackson in the singer's bedroom.

They contend Murray administered a fatal dose of propofol and other sedatives. Defense lawyers claim Jackson gave himself the fatal dose after his doctor left the room. Defense attorney Nareg Gourjian asked Senneff whether Jackson's appearance was consistent with someone who was a drug addict. Senneff said that was a difficult determination to make, but that the singer "looked like he had a chronic health problem." Senneff was the first paramedic to reach Jackson's bedroom and said within moments, he and three other paramedics were working to revive Jackson. □

# Amid GOP din, Santorum wages struggle to be heard

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**ANDERSON, S.C.**—There was little fanfare and almost no entourage when Rick Santorum, a Republican candidate for president, rolled up to the Chick-fil-A on Clemson Boulevard here the other day. His campaign caravan consisted of one car: a black Ford Expedition driven by his South Carolina political director, who is 22. A sign with a stylized red-and-white chicken logo proclaimed “Welcome Senator Rick Santorum,” though Santorum lost his Senate seat nearly five years ago and some patrons had no idea who he was. “What’s his name, again?” asked Brett Sloan, 24, an electronics salesman for Best Buy, who had stopped in for lunch. “Tell him to go back to Texas,” said Ann Bazinet, a retired AT&T switchboard operator and a Democrat, obviously confusing Santorum with one of his better-known rivals, Gov. Rick Perry of Texas. It was Santorum’s 27th trip to South Carolina since December 2009. He has also been a regular presence in New Hampshire and moved his wife and seven children (including a disabled 3-year-old daughter) to Iowa for three weeks before the Ames straw poll this summer – all in pursuit of a low-budget and, some might say, quixotic quest for the presidency. He lacks a traditional springboard to the White House; Pennsylvania voters drummed him out of office when he ran for a third Senate term in 2006. Like other long-shot candidates, Santorum has spent months struggling to be heard. But now, after a string of strong performances in televised debates in which he stung Perry, and after stumbles by Perry and Rep. Michele Bachmann, another of his rivals for the social conservative vote, Santorum is having his moment in the sun. His snappy one-liners and fiery retorts have caught the attention of pundits – and brought grudging respect from critics who, Santorum says, must concede, “Well, he’s



Former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum, a Republican presidential candidate, campaigns at a Chick-fil-A in Anderson, S.C.. After a string of strong performances in televised debates in which he stung Texas Gov. Rick Perry and following stumbles by Rep. Michele Bachmann (R-Minn.), Santorum is having his moment in the sun. (T. Lynne Pixley/The New York Times)

still here.” Despite poll numbers in the single digits, reporters are trailing him. At a fundraiser the other night, aides said, a guest showed up with a \$2,000 check. “I can honestly say during the first couple of debates, I didn’t feel completely comfortable, like I belonged there,” Santorum confessed in a lengthy interview here. But during the debate in August in Ames, he said, he surveyed his rivals and said to himself, “I belong here – I should be president, not these guys.” Brash and boyish at 53,

Santorum is also polarizing, revered by evangelical Christians for his opposition to abortion and same-sex marriage, but reviled by gay rights advocates. His blunt remarks on homosexuality have landed him in a much-publicized fight with Google, whose search engine gives top billing to a website that promotes a made-up, vulgar definition of his surname. His presidential campaign has given Santorum the kind of platform he yearned for, but could never quite attain, as an ex-senator. The de-

bates have enabled him to weigh in on everything from education to foreign policy, and to rebrand himself as a “full-spectrum conservative,” said Craig Robinson, editor of The Iowa Republican, a political website. He has gone on the offensive against Perry and Bachmann over whether adolescent girls should be vaccinated to prevent cervical cancer. He took on Perry over tuition tax breaks for illegal immigrants, and tangled with Rep. Ron Paul over Paul’s suggestion that the United States negotiate

with Iran. He excoriated Jon M. Huntsman Jr., the former Utah governor, for favoring troop withdrawals from Afghanistan. (“Just because our economy is sick,” Santorum said acridly, “does not mean our country is sick.”) And he reinforced his social conservative bona fides by telling a gay soldier he would reinstate the recently repealed “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy barring gays from openly serving. “I think Rick has a lot of growth potential,” said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., who is planning a foreign policy forum with Santorum. “From my point of view, he’s been the closest thing to a Ronald Reagan Republican we’ve had in the debates on national security.” Critics say Santorum is simply running a vanity campaign, designed to position him for lucrative speaking engagements or a television contract. But conversations with the candidate suggest something deeper at work: a desire, simply put, to have a voice once again. After his loss in 2006, by 18 points to Bob Casey, he struggled to find a good fit. He joined a law firm, but cut his ties to escape pressure to become a lobbyist. He worked on a media venture to help parents screen indecent content from television programs, but it ran out of money. □

## Life sentence for serial rapist

**EDNA, Texas (AP)** — A former Texas prison employee suspected of a being a serial rapist who targeted older women was sentenced Friday to life in prison for sexually assaulting a disabled woman. Jurors who deliberated Billy Joe Harris’ sentence for less than 10 minutes also fined him \$10,000, The Victoria Advocate newspaper reported. The jury also took less than 10 minutes last week to convict the former state prison worker of sexually assaulting a 59-year-old disabled woman in Edna, about 100

miles (160 kilometers) southwest of Houston. Harris, 54, claimed he had been having an affair with the woman and pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity. But jurors rejected claims that he suffered from multiple personality disorder. Authorities say DNA samples also link Harris to five other assaults or attempted assaults involving women 65 to 91 years old over two years in central and Southeast Texas. Investigators believe Harris is “The Twilight Rapist,” so named because most of the attacks happened just

before dawn. The attacks rattled so many women that older volunteers at a Yoakum library in Southeast Texas began locking the doors during business hours and organizers at one community meeting gave away pepper spray as door prizes. Authorities found evidence of careful planning at the many crime scenes, including cut phone lines outside homes. During the trial, Harris’ body often trembled and twitched and he sat in the courtroom with paper stuffed in his ears. His attorney said Harris plugged his

ears to “keep the voices from speaking to him.” Testifying in his defense, Harris told jurors he had been sexually abused as a child, has three other personalities inside of him and has been visited by aliens several times. But prosecutors told jurors Harris’ assertions of mental illness were a con. Harris had worked in several prisons around the state, mostly in food service. Background checks before his hiring revealed no prior criminal history, according to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. □

## With deaths of forests: A loss of crucial climate protectors

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**WISE RIVER, Mont.** – The trees spanning many of the mountainsides of western Montana glow an earthy red, like a broadleaf forest at the beginning of autumn. But these trees are not sup-

posed to turn red. They are evergreens, falling victim to beetles that used to be controlled in part by bitterly cold winters. As the climate warms, scientists say, that control is no longer hap-

pening. Across millions of acres, the pines of the northern and central Rockies are dying, just one among many types of forests that are showing signs of distress these days.

From the mountainous Southwest deep into Texas, wildfires raced across parched landscapes this summer, burning millions more acres. In Colorado, at least 15 percent of that state's spectacular aspen forests have gone into decline because of a lack of water.

The devastation extends worldwide. The great euphorbia trees of southern Africa are succumbing to heat and water stress. So are the Atlas cedars of northern Algeria. Fires fed by hot, dry weather are killing enormous stretches of Siberian forest. Eucalyptus trees are succumbing on a large scale to a heat blast in Australia, and the Ama-



**Dr. Diana Six, a University of Montana insect scientist, at one of her research sites south of Missoula, Mont., July 6, 2011. Some scientists are increasingly worried that as the warming accelerates, trees themselves could become climate-change victims on a massive scale.**

(Josh Haner/The New York Times)

zon recently suffered two "once a century" droughts just five years apart, killing many large trees. Experts are scrambling to understand the situation and to predict how serious it may become. Scientists say the future habitability of the Earth



**Dr. Diana Six, a University of Montana insect scientist, strips bark from a Whitebark pine in a forest near Wise River, Mont., July 6, 2011.**

(Josh Haner/The New York Times)

might well depend on the answer. For, while a majority of the world's people now live in cities, they depend more than ever on forests, in a way that few of them understand. Scientists have figured out – with the precise numbers deduced only recently – that forests have been absorbing more than a quarter of the carbon dioxide that people are putting into the air by burning fossil fuels and other activities.

It is an amount so large that trees are effectively absorbing the emissions

from all the world's cars and trucks. Without that disposal service, the level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere would be rising faster. The gas traps heat from the sun, and human emissions are causing the planet to warm.

Yet the forests have only been able to restrain the increase, not halt it. And some scientists are increasingly worried that as the warming accelerates, trees themselves could become climate-change victims on a massive scale.

"At the same time that we're recognizing the potential great value of trees and forests in helping us deal with the excess carbon we're generating, we're starting to lose forests," said Thomas W. Swetnam, an expert on forest history at the University of Arizona.

While some of the forests

that died recently are expected to grow back, scientists say others are not, because of climate change. If forests were to die on a sufficient scale, they would not only stop absorbing carbon dioxide but might also start to burn up or decay at such a rate that they would spew huge amounts of the gas back into the air – as is already happening in some regions. That, in turn, could speed the warming of the planet, unlocking yet more carbon stored in once-cold places like the Arctic. □

## Obama turns to Biden to help reassure Jews

HELENE COOPER

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**WASHINGTON** – In the middle of a meeting with 15 rabbis in Boca Raton, Fla., last week, Vice President Joseph R. Biden Jr. took a punch meant for his boss. One of the rabbis asked why Jonathan Pollard, the Israeli spy convicted in 1986, was still in prison. Biden, on a mission to shore up support for President Barack Obama, replied forcefully, according to several people at the meeting.

"President Obama was considering clemency, but I told him, 'Over my dead body are we going to let him out before his time,'" Biden said.

"If it were up to me, he would stay in jail for life." As Obama confronts his re-election challenge and the prospect of fracturing support among core constituencies, he is relying increasingly on Biden for help with one particular group: American Jews, who routinely tend to vote Democratic but whom the Republicans are, once again, making a run at.

Despite some warning signs, Democratic officials maintain that they do not think that Obama is in danger of losing the Jewish vote – particularly given the president's muscular defense of Israel at the U.N. General Assembly last week.

But a Republican victory in the race for a congressional seat in a heavily Orthodox Jewish district in New York three weeks ago clearly has some Democratic officials unsettled. Topping the list, though, is Biden, who Wednesday will host a Rosh Hashana party at his residence for Jewish leaders. Biden has taken on the job of fundraising among Jewish Democrats, at the same time that he has been seeking to assure the party's base that the Obama administration remains a loyal friend to Israel.

At a fundraiser Sept. 20 in a home in Shaker Heights, Ohio, all but one of the



**President Barack Obama talks with Vice President Joe Biden during a ceremony for outgoing Joint Chiefs Chairman Adm. Mike Mullen, Friday, Sept. 30, 2011, at Ft. Myer in Arlington, Va.**

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

questions that Biden took were about foreign policy – namely Israel. Ditto for many other fundraisers where Biden has been the top attraction, administration officials said, as Biden has sought to soothe, clarify and reassure.

"Am I going to the party on the 5th? Yes," said Abraham Foxman, head of the Anti-Defamation League. Biden, Foxman said, "is comfortable with the community, and the community is comfortable with him."

"He's seen as a friend," Foxman said.

Administration officials say that the White House clearly agrees, and it needs all the Jewish friends it can get; American Jews have long been a dependable source of campaign contributions for Democrats. Biden has been encouraged to provide a narrative for Jewish constituents that offers a counterpoint to Republican presidential candidates who have accused the administration of being too tough on its foremost ally and too sympathetic to the Palestinians and Israel's other Arab neighbors.

When Dan Senor, a Fox News commentator, wrote an op-ed in The Wall Street Journal on Sept. 14 accusing Obama of building "the most consistently one-sided diplomatic record against Israel of any American president in generations," it was Biden's top national security adviser, Antony J. Blinken, whom the White House chose to hit back. □

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## Wall Street protests said to continue until change



**Berkshire Hathaway Chairman Warren Buffett celebrates during opening bell ceremonies at the New York Stock Exchange Friday, Sept. 30, 2011. The "Occupy Wall Street" protest is in its second week, as demonstrators speak out against corporate greed and social inequality.**

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

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**NEW YORK** — A man named Hero was here. So was Germ. There was the waitress from the dim sum restaurant in Evanston, Ill. And the liquor store worker. The Google consultant. The circus performer. The Brooklyn nanny.

The hodgepodge Lower Manhattan encampment known as Occupy Wall Street has no appointed leaders, no expiration date for its rabble-rousing stay and still-evolving goals and demands. Yet its two weeks of noisy occupation has lured a sturdily faithful and fervent constituency willing to express discontentment with what they feel is an inequitable financial system until, well, whenever. They arrived by design and desire. Or by sheer serendipity.

Like Jillian Aydelott, 19, and Ben Mason, 20. They are a couple, both having taken an indefinite leave from school in Boston to travel across the country, very much on the cheap. Stopping in Providence, R.I., five days ago to sleep at a homeless shelter, they encountered a man who called himself Germ and said he was an activist. He was coming to the protest. They figured why not. They have yet to leave. Aydelott's feeling was: "Nothing is happening. People on Wall Street have all the power."

The stalwarts seem to range from a relatively modest 100 to 300 people, although the ranks swelled to more than 2,000 on Friday as the protest has begun to attract mainstream attention from those disaffected with the weak economy and to enlist support from well-known

liberals.

Actress Susan Sarandon stopped by, as did Princeton professor Cornel West and former Gov. David A. Paterson of New York. A widely reported episode last Saturday, when four protesters were pepper-sprayed by a police commander, elevated the visibility of the demonstrators. On Friday night, many marched to Police Headquarters to criticize what they described as the improper tactics that the police have used against their movement. (The police

commissioner, Raymond W. Kelly, has defended the actions by the police, although he has said they will be reviewed.)

Nicholas Coniaris, 35, came to the makeshift village in Zuccotti Park near Wall Street on Friday and will be gone soon. He is from San Diego, a counselor who works with homeless veterans, and was squeezing in protesting while awaiting a wedding he was attending on Saturday. A friend from Japan, a fellow wedding guest, was here as well.

Having brought a tuxedo

for the wedding, Coniaris decided to get extra mileage out of it. He wore it while he stationed himself in the center of the park clutching a coffee cup that said "God Bless," and a sign that said, in part, "Support the Rich."

"Just a little something," he said mockingly to passers-by. "Half a billion dollars. I'm not asking for a trillion."

After a couple of hours, his cup contained \$1.15. It all began when a Canadian advocacy magazine, Adbusters, posted a call for action on its blog in July. □

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## Flouting the law, pastors will take on politics

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This weekend, hundreds of pastors, including some of the nation's evangelical leaders, will climb into their pulpits to preach about U.S. politics, flouting a decades-old law that prohibits tax-exempt churches and other charities from campaigning on election issues.

The sermons, on what is called Pulpit Freedom Sunday, essentially represent a form of biblical bait, an effort by some churches to goad the Internal Revenue Service into court battles over the divide between religion and politics.

The Alliance Defense Fund, a nonprofit legal defense group whose founders include James Dobson, the founder of Focus on the Family, sponsors the annual event, which started with 33 pastors in 2008. This year, Glenn Beck has been promoting it, calling for 1,000 religious leaders to sign on and generating additional interest at the beginning of a presidential election cycle.

"There should be no government intrusion in the pulpit," said the Rev. James Garlow, senior pastor at Skyline Church in La Mesa,

promised under the First Amendment means pastors have full authority to say what they want to say." Garlow said he planned to



**A teen member of the Alliance Defense Fund wears a shirt with a message. This weekend, hundreds of pastors, including some of the nation's evangelical leaders, will climb into their pulpits to preach about U.S. politics, flouting a decades-old law that prohibits tax-exempt churches and other charities from campaigning on election issues.**

Calif., who led preachers in the battle to pass California's Proposition 8, which banned same-sex marriage.

"The freedom of speech and the freedom of religion

inveigh against same-sex marriage, abortion and other touchstone issues that social conservatives oppose, and some ministers may be ready to encourage parishioners to vote only for those candidates who adhere to the same views or values.

"I tell them that as followers of Christ, you wouldn't vote for someone who was against what God said in his word," Garlow said. □

## More Latinos growing up poor in Texas

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More Hispanic children live in poverty than children of any other racial or ethnic group in the U.S., a finding that may ripple through Texas for years to come.

"It's really bad news," Luis Salinas, a sociologist at the University of Houston, said of the report released Thursday by the Pew Hispanic Center. "If 6 million kids are being brought up in poverty, that doesn't give them much hope for the future. They are likely to end up in poverty for the rest of their lives." The report was the latest to cast a gloomy light on life in postrecession America. But it carries special significance for Houston and for Texas, home to a young and fast-growing Hispanic population.

Poverty increases the risk that children will drop out of school and be unprepared for the work force.

"It's not poverty itself, but what poverty is a proxy for," said Julian Vasquez Heilig, a faculty member for the University of Texas at Austin's College of Education. "Their parents get deported. They don't have adequate nutrition."

The Pew Hispanic Center analyzed census and other data and found 6.1 million Hispanic children lived in poverty in 2010. Another 5 million Anglo children were poor, along with 4.4 million black children.

Black children still have a higher rate of poverty - 39 percent, compared with 35 percent for Hispanic children and 12 percent for Anglo children. The poverty level is defined as \$22,113 for a family of four.

Mark Hugo Lopez, associate director of the Pew center and lead author of the report, "The Toll of the Great Recession," attributed the increase to:

- \* The growth of the Hispanic population. Hispanics accounted for half of all U.S. population growth between 2000 and 2010.

- \* High Hispanic birth rates.

- \* A disproportionate hit from the recession. The unemployment rate for Hispanics is 11.1 percent, compared with an overall rate of 9.1 percent.

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## US fugitive wants to serve time in Portugal

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**LISBON, Portugal (AP)** — The lawyer for a captured American fugitive says his client wants to serve the rest of his jail time in Portugal, but legal experts have predicted that U.S. prosecutors will "move heaven and earth" to get him back to the U.S. justice system.

Lawyer Manuel Luis Ferreira says George Wright, 68, deserves to serve the remainder of his 15- to 30-year New Jersey murder sentence in Portugal because he has lived in the country for decades, has a Portuguese wife and grown Portuguese children.

"If he has to serve, then he wants it to be here, which is his home," Ferreira told Portugal's TVI television.

U.S. Justice Department spokeswoman Laura Sweeney declined comment Friday on the defense counsel's arguments due to the pending extradition request against Wright. American lawyers who are experts on extradition, however, said they expect an intense effort by U.S. officials to ensure Wright's return after 41 years on the lam.

Justice Department lawyers "will move heaven and earth to get him back here, and I believe they will be successful. If they have to do it through diplomacy, they will do it through diplomacy," said Philadelphia lawyer Norris Gelman.

Gelman represented Ira Einhorn, who was extradited to the U.S. from France in 2001 and convicted of murder after fleeing abroad in 1981.

Wright broke out of the Bayside State Prison in Lees-

burg, New Jersey, on Aug. 19, 1970, after serving over 7 years of his sentence for killing a man in a 1962 gas station robbery. He was also part of a Black Liberation Army group that hijacked a U.S. plane to Algeria in 1972.

Wright was captured in a seaside village near Lisbon on Monday after authorities matched his fingerprint on a Portuguese identity card to one in the Unit-

**U.S. fugitive George Wright is seen in a post office in Praia das Macas, Portugal in 2000. Wright was arrested Sept. 26, 2011 by Portuguese authorities at the request of the U.S. government after more than 40 years as a fugitive, authorities said. Wright is being held in Lisbon, the capital of Portugal, pending extradition hearings. He has asked to be released while the extradition process goes forward, and the court handling the case is considering his request, according to U.S. officials.**

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ed States. Until his arrest, Wright spent decades living with his Portuguese wife and children in the hamlet with a cobblestone street near a stunning beach.

After an odyssey that spanned three continents, Wright is being held in Lisbon, pending extradition hearings. He has asked to be set free, a request that is still pending. If the U.S. wins the extradition request, Wright can appeal that decision to Portugal's Supreme Court and the country's Constitutional Court, a process that could take years.

Ferreira said Wright will oppose extradition on the ground that he fears reprisals for his past membership in the militant U.S. group.

The U.S. has requested extradition based solely on Wright's murder conviction, not any possible future charges from the plane hijacking or his New Jersey prison escape. □

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# Rights group calls on Libya to stop prisoner abuse

**KIM GAMEL**

**Associated Press**

**TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)** — Human Rights Watch called on Libya's new rulers to stop armed groups from rounding up suspected Moammar Gadhafi supporters and abusing them, saying Friday that some detainees reporting beatings and electric shocks had the scars to prove it.

The treatment of prisoners has become a litmus test for the transitional government as it tries to rein in young men who fought in the civil war that ousted Gadhafi and now refuse to lay down their weapons.

The New York-based rights group said it had visited 20 detention facilities in Tripoli and interviewed 53 inmates, including 37 Libyans and 16 sub-Saharan Africans. Five were considered "high value" because of their positions in Gadhafi's government, the report said, without elaborating. Human Rights Watch, which said it was given unrestricted access to the detainees, said the allegations were even more troubling because Gadhafi's regime was known to torture and kill inmates in its prisons.

"After all that Libyans suffered in Moammar Gadhafi's jails, it's disheartening that some of the new authorities are subjecting detainees to arbitrary arrest and beatings today," said



Revolutionary fighters fire a weapon in Sirte, Libya, Friday, Sept. 30, 2011.

(AP Photo/Manu Brabo)

Joe Stork, the organization's regional director. "The NTC (National Transitional Council) owes it to the people of Libya to show that they will institute the rule of law from the start."

Libyan officials have pledged to respect human rights, but they have struggled to bring discipline to the largely untrained fighters who took up arms against Gadhafi.

The group said it was encouraged that the de facto prime minister, Mahmoud Jibril, promised to make ending prisoner abuse a priority. "Prisoner abuse of any kind is not acceptable," he was quoted as saying. "We joined the revolution to end such mistreatment, not to

see it continue in any form." The group said some of the dark-skinned Libyans and detainees from sub-Saharan Africa were even forced to do manual labor, including carrying heavy materials, cleaning and renovating buildings around Tripoli or on military bases. Human Rights Watch blamed part of the problem on a lack of oversight and security forces operating with little experience. It gave credit to some groups, saying one apparently issued arrest warrants, conditions had improved in some facilities and some abusive guards had been arrested themselves and replaced.

But the group urged the

NTC to make it a priority to bring the various neighborhood militias and security brigades under a unified command and set clear standards for their conduct. The report was based on prison visits between Aug. 31 — nearly two weeks after revolutionary forces seized control of Tripoli after days of fierce battles with Gadhafi's supporters — and Thursday. HRW said thousands had been jailed, including women and children, and none had been brought before a judge. Detainees who reported abuse said guards had beaten them, sometimes on a daily basis. The names of detainees and facilities were not released because

of fear of reprisals against those interviewed.

A sub-Saharan African identified only as Mohammed wept as he showed Human Rights Watch welts on his arms, back and neck that he said were from beatings by guards at a small detention center.

Seven prisoners in two facilities, including women, said guards had given them electric shocks.

U.S. Sen. John McCain, a Republican from Arizona, raised the issue of prisoner abuse Thursday as he led a Republican delegation to Tripoli. In a message to Libyans, he said the world was inspired by their success in overthrowing Gadhafi but they must respect human rights. "This can be a showcase of what the Arab Spring is all about, but if you don't watch it, you can go backward even here," he said. The Republican delegation was one of a series of visits by foreign leaders and dignitaries as the international community rallies around Libya's new leadership, which is struggling to form a new government despite continued fighting on three fronts.

Italy's Foreign Minister Franco Frattini traveled to Tripoli on Friday. He said his country has authorization to unfreeze 2.5 billion euros (\$3.4 billion) in frozen Libyan assets to help the North African nation rebuild. □

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## Kercher family remembers beloved daughter

COLLEEN BARRY  
Associated Press

**PERUGIA, Italy (AP)** — Meredith Kercher would have been 25. The British student would have finished her degree at Leeds University and perhaps been preparing for another Halloween, a day she loved. Instead, her family awaits an appeals verdict expected Monday against former roommate Amanda Knox, of Seattle, who was convicted along with her Italian ex-boyfriend of murdering Kercher in 2007. Kercher's killing has spawned one of Italy's most sensational and closely watched trials. Yet to her family's frustration, Kercher has been eclipsed in the public's eye by the 24-year-old Knox, as supporters of the photogenic American mount a high-profile campaign to free her. By contrast, Kercher's family has chosen to remain largely silent during the years of trial and appeal, quietly honoring her memory on the Nov. 1 anniversary of her death and her birthday on Dec. 28. But they are growing increasingly agitated as the appeal verdict approaches. In one of the few TV interviews they have granted, Kercher's sister Stephanie and mother Arline said at-



Attention should focus on justice for the victim, not Knox. **Amanda Knox is escorted into the Perugia court for an appeal hearing, in Perugia central Italy, Friday, Sept. 30, 2011. Knox, an American student, was convicted of sexually assaulting and murdering Meredith Kercher, her British roommate in Perugia. Kercher would have been 25 this year. She would have finished her degree at Leeds University. Instead, her family awaits an appeals verdict expected Monday against former roommate Amanda Knox, of Seattle, who was convicted along with her Italian ex-boyfriend of murdering Kercher in 2007.**

(AP Photo/Pier Paolo Cito)

or her ex-boyfriend Raffaele Sollecito, who is also appealing his conviction alongside Knox.

"In this whole case — going on four years — Meredith has been forgotten," Stephanie Kercher said in a recorded interview on RAI public television this month. "The attention has completely moved from Meredith to Amanda and Raffaele," she said. "She was lovely, kind and we lost her." On her last Halloween, one day before her death, Meredith dressed as a vampire. Photographs, some of the last of her life, show her smiling brightly with red lipstick, a high-collared cape wrapped around her neck.

The young student fought hard for approval from her university to study in the charming medieval town of Perugia, arriving in September 2007. She was excited to have found a room with a view of the Umbrian landscape, court records show. She shared the apartment with two young Italian women and Knox, who moved in around the same time. Kercher made friends fast, testimony in the first trial shows. Within weeks, she had a small group of British girlfriends with whom she went dancing or watched

films, and she had started dating a young Italian living downstairs. Giacomo Silenzi has said they fell in love quickly, and has been left to wonder what the future might have held had she not been killed.

On the last night of her life, she ate pizza and apple crumble with a small group of friends, watched a movie and went home alone around 9 p.m., according to court testimony.

Meredith was 21 when she was found the afternoon of Nov. 2 sprawled naked on the floor of her locked bedroom, throat slashed, body covered in a blanket. Prosecutors claim that she was murdered when a drug-fueled sexual encounter with the two defendants and a third man went awry. Rudy Guede, an Ivorian who lived in Perugia from age 5, is serving a 16-year sentence for his role in the murder.

Knox was sentenced to 26 years, Sollecito to 25. All three proclaim innocence. Meredith's father John Kercher, a freelance journalist, has said he refused to view her body, so he could remember as she was in life. "I had last seen her a couple of weeks before, when she flew home to buy winter clothes. We met for a coffee and she showed me some boots she had bought," John Kercher wrote in the Britain's Daily Mirror tabloid. "I want that to be the one memory of my daughter I hold in my mind forever."

She was the baby of the family, with three older siblings — two brothers and a sister. □

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# Myanmar suspends construction of dam

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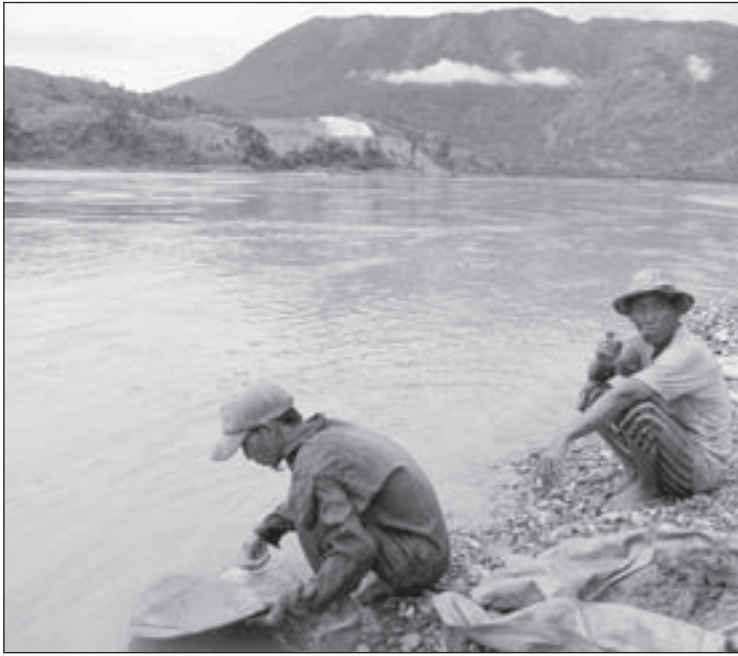
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**BANGKOK** – In a rare concession to public pressure, Myanmar's government Friday ordered the suspension of a controversial hydroelectric project financed and led by a state-owned Chinese company. The Myitsone dam project would have been the first to span the Irrawaddy River, the largest waterway in Myanmar, and was a showcase project for the previous military government. The halt in construction was a victory for dissidents in a country with a long history of stifling opposition.

A number of prominent people inside Myanmar, including writers, scientists and Nobel Peace laureate Aung San Suu Kyi, had opposed the project.

The government's announcement underscores the nascent stirrings of democracy in Myanmar, also known as Burma, after a nominally civilian government took control from a military junta in March.

The dam's suspension was a blow to China, long considered a benefactor to the government in Myanmar. China Power Investment, a state-run Chinese company, was leading the construction of the project, which would have delivered electricity to southern China. It is unclear how the suspension will affect six other Chinese-led hydroelectric projects in northern Myanmar. The announcement Friday was made during a session of Parliament in the capital, Naypyidaw. The statement acknowledged the role that public pressure had played in the decision. "Being the gov-



**Villagers search for gold flakes near the site of the future dam in Myitsone, Myanmar, Aug. 23, 2011. The massive dam under construction in this remote corner of Myanmar is prompting a litany of concerns that are common to such projects: about the risks of tampering with nature, about damage to wildlife, about the displacement of villagers.**

(International Herald Tribune)

ernment elected by the people, it upholds the aspiration and wishes of the people," said a statement by President U Thein Sein, according to the Weekly Eleven, a newspaper in Myanmar. "It is also responsible to solve the problems that worry the public. Therefore, the government will suspend the Myitsone dam project during its tenure." Although top officials in Myanmar, including Thein Sein, are former military officers, the government has sought to distance itself from decades of army rule. The new government has loosened restrictions on the media, is drafting laws on economic liberalization and is holding regular meetings with Suu Kyi, who was released from years of house arrest in November. An estimated 2,000 political prisoners remain in detention. Despite describing

its decision as a suspension of the dam's construction, Thein Sein's statement seemed to suggest that the project would not continue, at least not in its current form. "To fulfill the electricity need of the country, the government will continue to implement other hydro-power projects that are not harmful to the nation after conducting systematic surveys," it said.

The statement added that the government would negotiate terms with China "without affecting the friendly bilateral relations between the two countries."

Chinese businesses have rapidly spread throughout Myanmar in recent years, causing friction in some areas. Chinese companies are sometimes blamed for deforestation and are resented for their voracious appetite for Myanmar's

natural resources. A pipeline that would carry natural gas and oil from the Bay of Bengal to southern China is currently under construction.

The Myitsone dam project, which was largely being carried out by Chinese workers, aggravated anti-Chinese sentiment. As the cradle of Burmese civilization, the Irrawaddy River carries great symbolic significance in Myanmar. Critics of the dam said the trade-off between the electricity that would be produced by the project and the potential environmental impact was not worth it.

A report commissioned

and financed by China Power Investment actually highlighted these questions. The company never released the report publicly, but a copy leaked out and was shared among environmentalists and opponents of the dam. The report said a number of migratory fish species were likely to be wiped out, and it warned that more studies needed to be carried out to understand the possible impact of the dam, which would have flooded 26,238 hectares, or 64,835 acres. Two smaller dams on tributaries of the Irrawaddy could produce the same amount of electricity, the report said. □

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# An American library refuses to go quietly

DAN BARRY

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**CENTRAL FALLS, R.I.** – If you were to assemble a city from scratch, you would need a few things to make this place of yours more than just a functioning municipality; to make it a community. So, along with a City Hall and a few schools, you would have a building where an elephant king named Babar rules, where it is a sin to kill a mockingbird and where everyone from Homer to Snooki has a story to tell. That is, you would need a library.

But in the losing battle of the square-mile city of Central Falls to avoid bankruptcy this year, parts of what made this municipality a community became expendable, among them: the Adams Memorial Library, a handsome Greek Revival building that, for a century, has been an intellectual refuge amid an urban expanse of triple-deckers and old mills.

In July, a state-appointed receiver closed the library to save money. The six staff members lost their

jobs, while residents lost access to the statewide network that allowed them to borrow from the libraries of other towns. The handsome building went dark, its books unread, its videos unwatched, its computers unavailable to those looking for jobs.

But some people refused to close the book on a place that deeply mattered to this financially poor, ethnically rich city. Central Falls has more than enough boarded-up buildings; no need to add its library too.

The library's survival hinged on the fact that while its operating costs are covered by the city, the building itself is owned by a private trust. Seizing the moment, the trust's board of directors used this enforced downtime to make repairs in the old building and to install a library card system for Central Falls alone.

A month later, on Aug. 1, the Adams Memorial Library re-opened with limited hours on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Its reference and check-out desks are now staffed by a rotating band of volunteers,



A sign at the front desk of the Adams Memorial Library soliciting donations to help run the struggling facility, in Central Falls, R.I., Sept. 29, 2011. Central Falls, faced with bankruptcy, decided to close its library, but somehow it has managed to stay open, at least, some of the time.

(Evan McGlinn/The New York Times)



A street in Central Falls, R.I., Sept. 29, 2011. Central Falls, faced with bankruptcy, decided to close its library, but somehow it has managed to stay open, at least, some of the time.

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including Jerauld Adams, 41, the board chairman of the library trust, and Thomas Shannahan, 68, a board member and former director of the library. They hung a sign on the front door that said, with some defiance:

"Welcome to YOUR library." Shannahan, bearded and wiry, ran the library from 1989 until 2004, when he resigned amid some political strife; in Central Falls, it seems, there is always political strife. He grew up a couple of blocks from the library, in a

building that included the family residence, a rooming house, his father's bar and a cocktail lounge called the Nut House – at one time a "jumping joint," he said. The bar and cocktail lounge are gone, as are the Holy Trinity Catholic church and parochial school that Shannahan attended. But the library is still here, he said with pride, as he walked past several patrons hunched before computers aglow with Facebook chatter.

Above him was the

building's dome, a haven to squirrels before its restoration 20 years ago. In the basement below, a modest room grandly called the Rose L. McCormick Memorial Auditorium, named after a beloved librarian and used as a meeting place for various groups. And all around, the paintings of Lorenzo de Nevers, a French-Canadian artist who lived here and whose many subjects included Franklin D. Roosevelt and Dwight D. Eisenhower. □



## Warming Up Events for The Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival Start On Tuesday!

**ORANESTAD** - All preparations are on their way for the fifth Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival in Aruba. The two main concert nights will be Friday October 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup> 2011. In order to have Aruba and its visitors completely ready for these big nights the organizers have set in place a great warming up schedule with free mini concerts. On Tuesday October 4<sup>th</sup> the international group Cosy Cotton will be performing at Café Rembrandt featuring Grana Louise. This starts at 9 pm. On Wednesday October 5<sup>th</sup> their will be 3 warming up events. The

first one will be at Casa del Mar Hotel starting at 7 pm with performances of The Brema & Jansen Project. AT 7.30 at Arawak Gardens Holland's Tango Extremo will perform. A little bit later on that same evening Cosy Cotton featuring Grana



Louise will perform at Café de Pijp situated at South Beach Centre.

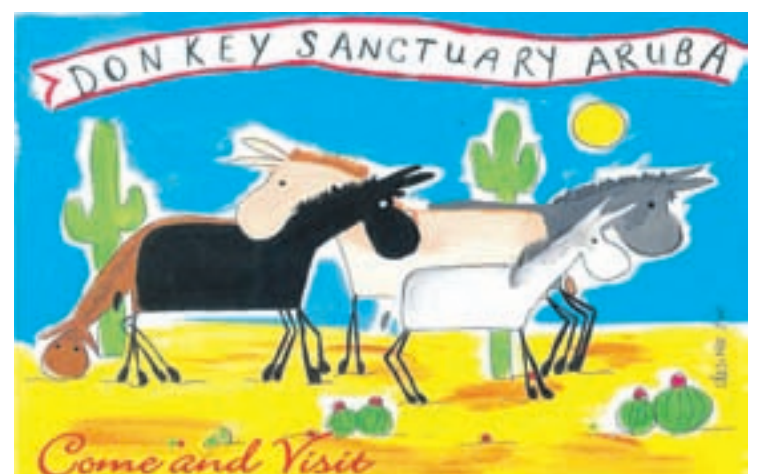
Last but not least on Thursday October 6<sup>th</sup> there will be a concert on the Freewinds Ship with the Freewinds Band featuring Brenda Cifuentes and El

Prove. This starts at 8 pm. All these free events will surely have everyone in the right mood to enjoy the main concert nights which will take place at Cas di Cultura Plaza. 3 Stages will host main attractions like Angie Stone, Eddie

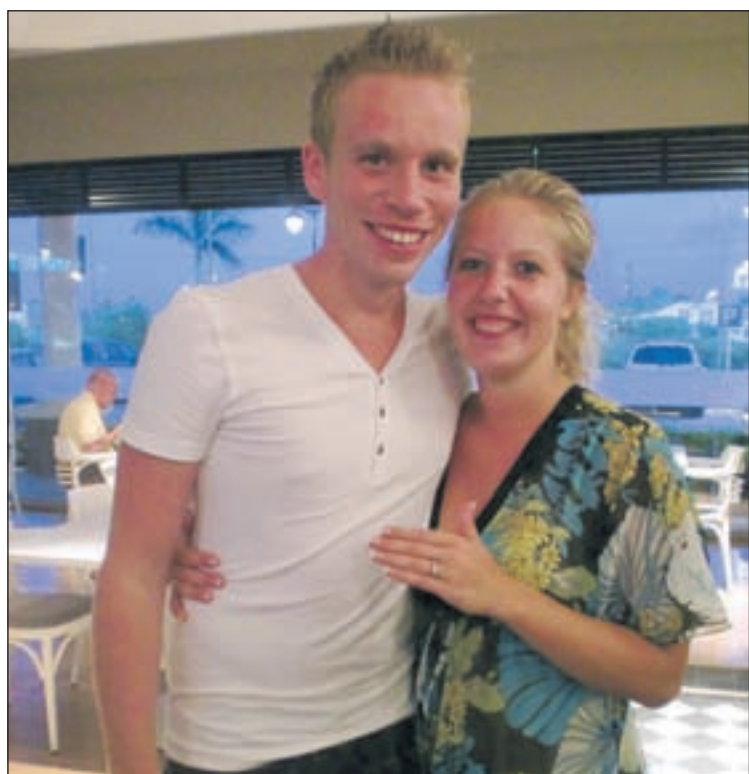


Palmieri, Tango Extremo, Candy Dulfer, Cosy Cotton, Raul Midon with Richard Bona and many more. Tickets are available at Pla-

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## He popped the question! Mise en Place couple gets engaged on the beach



**PALM BEACH** - Colleagues Lizzy van Geloven and Raymond Kok got engaged last Wednesday. Raymond popped the question on one of Aruba's gorgeous beaches and of course Lizzy said 'yes'! The two lovers are both working at Mise en Place: Lizzy at the Bistro in the Paseo Herencia Mall and Raymond Kok at Papillon Restaurant in The Village. To celebrate the momentous occasion, the brand-new fiancées had dinner at the wonderful new Taste of Belgium Restaurant in the Palm Beach Plaza, where they raised their glasses in an intimate toast to a wonderful future together.

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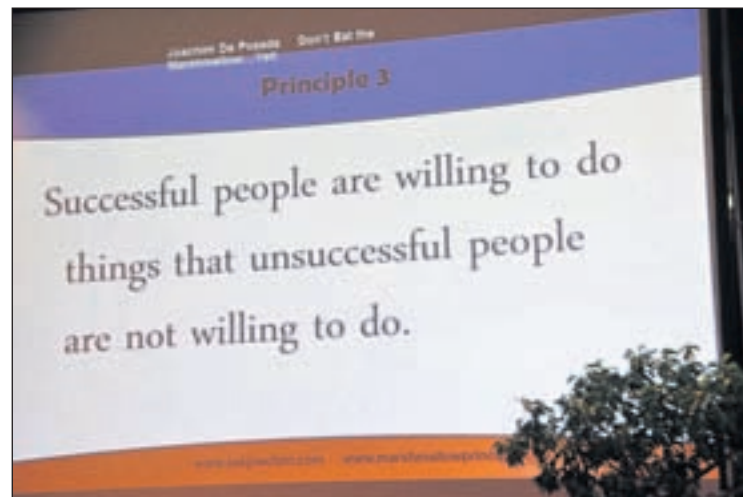


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**PALM BEACH** – Earlier this week, World Tourism Day was marked on the island during a special conference and cocktail party hosted by the Westin Resort & Casino, Aruba. The global celebration was marked here on the island with a presentation by The Ministry of Tourism, Transportation & Labor and the Aruba Tourism Authority, sharing the vision, policy, and plans for 2012 for Aruba's continued tourism growth and prosperity. Keynote speakers included Minister of Tourism, Transportation & Labor Otmar Oduber, CEO of the Aruba Tourism Authority Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes, and guest speaker Joachim de Posada, co-author of "Don't Eat the Marshmallow...Yet!" In attendance were island tourism industry stakeholders, executives, and dignitaries who enjoyed a bit of business networking and socializing during a cocktail party that followed the presentations. □





## NFL Preview: Patriots-Raiders has some meaning

New England Patriots' Wes Welker (83) is tackled out of bounds by Buffalo Bills' Aaron Williams during the first quarter of an NFL football game in Orchard Park, N.Y., Sunday, Sept. 25, 2011.

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Lexi Thompson hits her tee shot on the 14th hole during the second round of the Navistar LPGA Classic golf tournament at Capitol Hill at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail in Prattville, Ala., Friday, Sept. 16, 2011.

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### Teen sensation to become LPGA member

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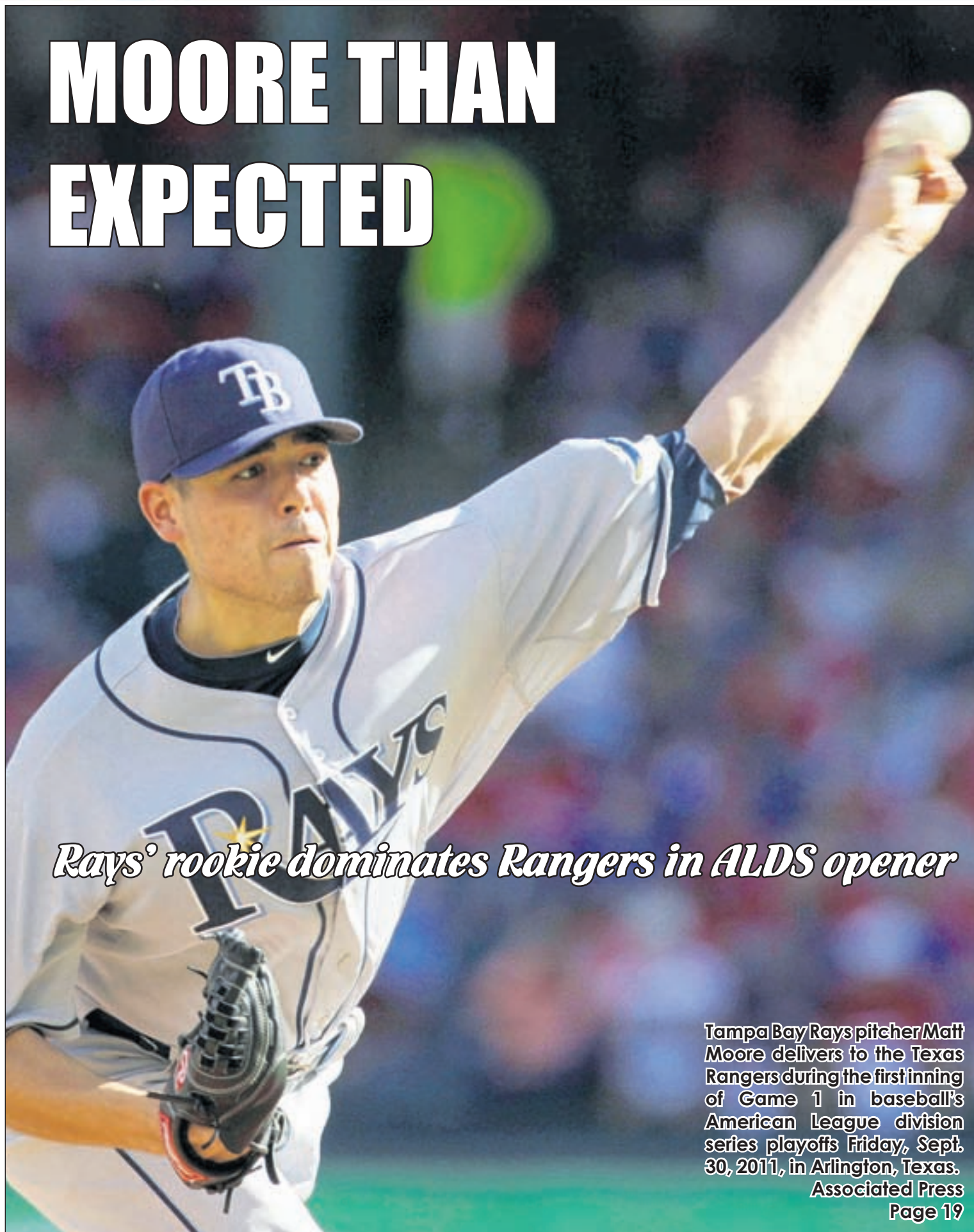
— Lexi Thompson proved she was good enough to play on the LPGA Tour as a 16-year-old when she beat a strong field by five shots two weeks ago. She was granted membership Friday based on more than birdies and bogeys.

LPGA Tour commissioner Mike Whan approved Thompson's petition to become the LPGA Tour's youngest member effective in January, impressed with how the Florida teen handled herself in all aspects of tour life.

"I've seen her at press conferences," Whan said. I've seen her when she played well, I've seen her when she hasn't played too well. I've seen her at pro-am parties. I've seen her when fans are coming up to her when it's maybe not the best time."

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# MOORE THAN EXPECTED



## *Rays' rookie dominates Rangers in ALDS opener*

Tampa Bay Rays pitcher Matt Moore delivers to the Texas Rangers during the first inning of Game 1 in baseball's American League division series playoffs Friday, Sept. 30, 2011, in Arlington, Texas.

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# Zvonareva beats Kvitova, into PanPac Open final

**JIM ARMSTRONG**

**AP Sports Writer**

**TOKYO (AP)** — Vera Zvonareva staged a remarkable turnaround to beat Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova 7-6 (2), 6-0 on Friday, advancing to the final of the Pan Pacific Open. The fourth-seeded Russian took advantage of a collapse by Kvitova, who held a comfortable 5-1 lead in the first set before Zvonareva stormed back to make it 5-5, breaking her opponent three times. Both players then held serve to force a tiebreaker which Zvonareva won.

The second set was all Zvonareva, who broke the fifth-seeded Czech three times to close out the match in 1 hour, 30 minutes.

"If I knew what happened I would tell you," Kvitova said. "I don't know what



**Vera Zvonareva of Russia returns the ball to Petra Kvitova of Czech Republic during the semifinal of the Japan Pan Pacific Open tennis tournament in Tokyo, Friday, Sept. 30, 2011.**

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happened. At 5-1, I just didn't play my game and she came back and played much better than me. The first set was mine for sure."

Zvonareva will face Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland in Saturday's final. The ninth-seeded Radwanska beat third-seeded Victoria

Azarenka of Belarus 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 in a match that lasted 2 hours, 31 minutes.

Zvonareva has won both her previous matches against Kvitova on hard court and continued her dominance in Friday's match at Ariake Colosseum. "I played very good tennis, very consistent," Zvonareva said. "Petra is a tough opponent. We always have tough matches but I was a little more consistent today."

Kvitova has beaten Zvonareva twice on clay and said the surface was a factor in

Friday's match.

"On clay, she can't move as well as she does on the hard court so I have more space and time for winners," Kvitova said. "She plays very well on hard court and is tough to beat." Zvonareva and Radwanska are 2-2 in head-to-head matches.

"I've beaten Vera a couple of times, she's a great player and I know I have to play my best to beat her," Radwanska said. "I just hope I can play like I can today." □



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## Rays rookie Moore dominates Texas in ALDS opener

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)

— Matt Moore was the ultimate wild card.

Making only his second major league start, Moore looked like an ace in pitching seven innings of two-hit ball Friday as the improbable Tampa Bay Rays opened the real playoffs with a 9-0 victory over the defending AL champion Texas Rangers. Kelly Shoppach homered twice and drove in five runs, Johnny Damon also homered and Tampa Bay dominated the whole way behind their 22-year-old rookie pitcher.

"I may have looked a little more calm than I was, especially early. The first inning, I had a little bit of nerves and adrenaline going," Moore said.

"But these guys made it really easy for me, putting up those numbers. Looking up there after the fourth, I think it was 8-0, it was just a matter of throwing strikes and getting out of the innings as fast as possible," he said.

The Rays played for the first time since their dramatic rally on the final day of the regular season. Since Tampa Bay needed every out simply to overcome Boston's nine-game lead in

the last 3½ weeks to win the wild card, manager Joe Maddon had to focus on getting this far over trying to set up his pitching rotation. When Maddon had to pick a rested starter for Game 1 of the AL division series rematch, he had no qualms of going with the lefty who made his first start last week at Yankee Stadium and struck out 11 in five scoreless innings.

And just that quickly, Moore has gone from top pitching prospect to postseason phenom. Facing the AL's top-hitting team, Moore struck out six and walked two.

"He was outstanding," Maddon said. "Pounding the strike zone right there with all of his pitches gave him and me and us a lot more confidence in the moment. He's got that kind of composure. .... You can't be more impressed. What he did tonight was spectacular."

Rookie Brandon Gomes and Wade Davis both pitched a hitless inning in relief to complete the first shutout in Rays postseason history.

Game 2 is Saturday night. James Shields will start for the Rays against Derek Holland.

Moore, who had thrown

only 9 1-3 innings in the majors before this start, took a deep breath before his first pitch. He was smiling by the late innings and greeted by hugs and high-fives in the Rays dugout after he had thrown his last pitch — he threw 98 in all, 62 from strikes.

No pitcher had ever started a postseason opener with only one previous career start until the seemingly unfazed Moore took the mound at Rangers Ballpark.

Having the youngster on the mound led to another important decision for Maddon, who opted to go with the light-hitting Shoppach behind the plate.

The catcher from nearby Fort Worth homered twice off Rangers ace left-hander C.J. Wilson and matched a Rays postseason record with five RBIs.

Texas and Tampa Bay have picked up where they left off last postseason, when the visiting team won every game in their five-game series. That's the only time that has ever happened in the majors. The Rangers won that series, helped by Cliff Lee, and then went on to beat the Yankees in the AL championship before losing to San Francisco in five games in the World Series.



**Tampa Bay Rays catcher Kelly Shoppach watches his two-run home run during the fifth inning of Game 1 in baseball's American League division series playoffs against the Texas Rangers Friday, Sept. 30, 2011, in Arlington, Texas.**

Associated Press

ries. Texas is only 3-9 in postseason games at Rangers Ballpark, where they had never won a playoff game until last year.

After Wilson hit Ben Zobrist with a pitch in the second, Damon followed with a two-run homer to right that put the Rays ahead to stay. What looked like a high popup by Damon just kept carrying and hit the front-row rail just beyond the eight-foot wall.

Shoppach, a .176 hitter in the regular season, followed with a single and later scored on a hit by Matt

Joyce for a 3-0 lead. An inning later, Shoppach hit a 410-foot homer to straight-away center.

Tampa led 8-0 after Damon reached on a two-out error by third baseman Adrian Beltre in the fifth and Shoppach followed with a 415-foot homer to left.

Damon drove in another run with an infield single in the ninth.

Except for Josh Hamilton's two hits, the Rangers — who hit .283 to lead the majors for the second consecutive season — never solved Moore. □

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Thompson filed a formal petition Thursday that the LPGA waive its policy of members being at least 18. When approved it one day later, although he described that more as a formality.

The bigger decision came in June, when he allowed Thompson to compete in qualifying school.

The 6-foot teen won the first stage by 10 shots, then went to the LPGA Navistar Classic in Alabama and won by five shots against a field that included 45 of the top 50 players on the LPGA money list.

Thompson withdrew from the second stage before filing her petition. By then, it was clear to everyone — from Thompson to the LPGA Tour — that she would be on tour in 2012.

"I always said if she's good enough, she'll join us next year," Whan said of his de-

cision to allow Thompson to go through qualifying. "She just sped up the Q-school process by winning a tournament."

Thompson was on vacation in California when she got the news.

"It's been amazing," she said in a conference call. "It's always been my dream to play on the tour full time. Getting that win, it was the best experience of my life. I've enjoyed every minute of it."

"I've been waiting for this moment, knowing I'm going to play full time next year," she said. "I'm looking forward to it."

Her agent at Blue Giraffe Sports, Bobby Kreuzler, said he expects the teenager to play about 20 tournaments next year, including some trips overseas.

"We have the luxury of planning a year ahead," he said.

Thompson, whose brother Nicholas played on the PGA Tour last year, has been building toward this

moment. She qualified for the U.S. Women's Open at age 12 in 2007 at Pine Needles, and she was a runner-up by one shot last year as a 15-year-old at the Evian Masters, one of the richest events on the LPGA Tour schedule.

Expectations are high, although they are not coming from the LPGA Tour.

"I don't feel the need to put pressure on Lexi to win or to carry the tour," Whan said. "She's a phenomenal talent. She's progressing at an incredible rate. If she doesn't win in the next three years, the LPGA is going to be fine. If she wins six times next year, the LPGA is going to be fine."

"If Lexi continues to win, it's going to be an exciting time for her, and an exciting time for us," he said. "But she doesn't have to carry any more weight than the weight of her bag."

Thompson is home-schooled, taking Florida-approved classes online. Whan said her membership



won't start until 2012 because there was no point in making her a member now. She is eligible for only one more tournament, the season-ending Titleholders on Nov. 17-20 in Orlando. This way, Thompson can start clean as a rookie next year. He also isn't worried that he

is setting a precedent. Michelle Wie turned pro at 15, but didn't join the LPGA Tour until going through Q-school three years later. Whan said he has had a little more than a dozen requests from teenagers, either to join the LPGA or go through Q-school. □

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## NBA meetings will resume Saturday

By **BRIAN MAHONEY**  
AP Basketball Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — One down, two big issues to go for an agreement that would end the NBA lock-out.

It may not happen this weekend, but players and owners both say they are working to get there soon enough that the season can start on time.

"All I'll say is there was a sense of urgency in the room today," NBA Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver said after the sides met for more than four hours Friday. "I think the sense today from both sides is we really need to push this weekend. Time is of the essence, and I don't think there was any disagreement about that by both parties."

All-Stars LeBron James, Carmelo Anthony, Dwyane Wade and Kevin Durant joined the players' association executive committee for what president Derek Fisher called an "engaging" meeting with the owners' labor relations committee. Afterward, Commissioner David Stern indicated that the union will OK the owners' plan for enhanced revenue sharing. However, the salary cap structure remains an obstacle, as does the division of revenues between the sides. They will return Saturday morning and are committed to talking through the weekend, knowing additional cancellations are likely necessary next week if they're not close to a deal.

A week of preseason games have already been lost, and the Nov. 1 regular season opener would be in jeopardy without progress this weekend.

Some may have been made in regards to the league's plan for enhanced revenue sharing among owners — which players had long argued as a way for the league to address its losses. □

# Patriots-Raiders has some meaning

**BARRY WILNER**  
AP Football Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — It's been a decade since the "Tuck Rule Game," which probably is the last time the New England Patriots and Oakland Raiders had a meaningful match in the NFL.

In the closing minutes of that snowy playoff game in January 2002, the Raiders' Charles Woodson hit Patriots passer Tom Brady, who lost the ball. The fumble was overturned on instant replay, to the lasting annoyance of Raiders fans, and the Patriots went on to win their first of three Super Bowls with Brady.

On Sunday, there's plenty of significance again, even as early as Week 4, when they go at it in Oakland.

For the Raiders, consecutive wins over the New York Jets and Patriots would mean an impressive 3-1 start. It would be an early validation of the coaching change from Tom Cable to Hue Jackson, and it would give them a head start on their first winning record and divisional title since the 2002 Super Bowl season.

"It's a group that expects to win," Jackson said. "It's a group that works to win. It's a group that is becoming something and they're working at it each and every day. I think they can see the vision, that they have an opportunity, regardless of who we play, where we play to win. "But I hope the rest of the league can see this is a different and im-



**Oakland Raiders wide receiver Denarius Moore (17) jumps into the end zone for a touchdown on a 23-yard run past teammate Darrius Heyward-Bey (85) and New York Jets cornerback Antonio Cromartie (31) and cornerback Darrelle Revis (24) during the third quarter of an NFL football game in Oakland, Calif. Sunday, Sept. 25, 2011. Associated Press**

proved football team."

The Patriots have noticed.

"They're very physical, they're tough, they're big, they're fast," said Brady, who comes off the rarest of performances, throwing four interceptions as New England went from a 21-0 lead at Buffalo to a 34-31 defeat.

"It's always a certain kind of player out there: Big, fast, and tough. They play well at home. It's going to be a big challenge."

New England hardly ever faces big challenges so early. A second loss this season on Sunday would match its total from last season.

As is their wont, the Houston Texans wasted a chance for a statement victory last week at New Orleans, blowing a nine-point fourth-quarter lead. With the arrival of the Pittsburgh Steelers comes another opportunity to pass the litmus test they usually fail — Houston never has made the playoffs in almost a decade in the NFL. Pittsburgh has been mad-deningly inconsistent, particularly on defense, and ranks last in the league in turnovers. The Steelers' 10 giveaways are worrisome, and their one takeaway is unbelievable. It was odd to see the Jets manhandled

the way Oakland managed it, and now they face the most physical defense in the league in the Baltimore Ravens.

New York does so with both its offensive and defensive lines struggling — losing All-Pro center Nick Mangold with a sprained ankle was a huge blow — and its running game stuck in neutral. All of which should make the Ravens salivate.

Their offense is showing some balance, and their defense is, well, what anyone expects it to be: Rugged, emotional, and ball-hawking, with 10 takeaways already. □

## Vegas, Na, Wi tied for lead at Las Vegas

**LAS VEGAS (AP)**—Kevin Na and Charlie Wi joined first-round leader Jhonatan Vegas at 12-under 130 on Friday to share the lead after 36 holes of the Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospitals for Children Open. Play was suspended for 40 minutes because of lightning near the course and was halted again later with one player, Fran Quinn, having one hole to play. Quinn, who was 3-under, was expected to resume play at 7:45 a.m. PST on Saturday and the cut would be determined then.

Vegas, the rookie from Venezuela who won the Bob Hope Classic in January for his first PGA Tour title, was tied with William McGirt at 8-under 63 after

the opening round at TPC Summerlin in the first of four Fall Series events. Vegas followed his bogey-free first round with a 4-under 67 that included an eagle and four birdies. He eagled the 286-yard, par-4 15th. "I felt like I putted really well today," Vegas said. "My ball-striking wasn't as good as it was yesterday, and that's kind of why the round wasn't as good as yesterday. But my putting has been pretty (good), which (is) what I've worked for. And hopefully I can continue that for two more days and we'll be right there where we are." Na reversed Vegas' totals by following his opening 67 with a bogey-free 63 that fea-

tured eight birdies, seven of them in his final 10 holes. "I was just hoping to make some putts today because I was hitting the ball really well," Na said. "Yesterday, I hit it really well. I felt like I could have scored better, and today the only difference was I was making putts." Wi, who was a stroke back after the first round, had six birdies in a 66. "I've had a pretty up-and-down year and I want to go out with a bang; make sure my game is ready for next year," Wi said. "I worked really hard the last three weeks, so I want to perform well for myself the next three weeks, and I want to carry that into 2012." □

# Damage from all-metal hips greater than expected

**BARRY MEIER**

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**BOSTON** — As surgeons here sliced through tissue surrounding a failed artificial hip in a 53-year-old man, they discovered what looked like a biological dead zone. There were matted strands of tissue stained gray and black; a large strip of muscle near the hip no longer contracted. Dr. Young-Min Kwon, the lead orthopedic surgeon on the operation, said the damage was more extensive than tests had indicated and might be permanent. "The prognosis is guarded," Kwon said.

Similar scenes are playing out at hospitals nationwide as a growing number of patients seek to have faulty metal-on-metal artificial hips removed and replaced. More than a decade ago, some researchers had warned that the hips shed tiny pieces of metallic debris that posed potential health threats to patients. But those warnings were not heeded, and now doctors and patients face an expanding public health crisis as one of the country's



**One of the components of a failed all-metal artificial hip that Dr. Young-Min Kwon removed from a patient at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. A growing number of patients are seeking to have faulty metal-on-metal artificial hips removed and replaced as one of the country's biggest medical device failures unfolds.**

(C.J. Gunther/The New York Times)

biggest medical device failures unfolds.

Some patients with all-metal hips — ones in which the cup and ball of a joint are made of metal — said they have found themselves

bounced from doctor to doctor who did not have the knowledge or the tools to properly diagnose the problem. And by the time they reach specialists like Kwon at Massachusetts

General Hospital, potentially lasting damage may have taken place.

Kwon's recent patient, Robert Cartier, said he saw seven doctors over the course of a year who told him not

to worry or who gave him shots for his pain. Diagnostic tests also did not point to a problem. Only recently have researchers determined that such scans need to be run in a specific way to detect the extent of metal-related damage.

"It really didn't get picked up early, I picked it up," Cartier said, adding that he learned of Kwon while researching metal hip problems on the Internet. "It is like buyer-beware kind of stuff, you are trusting the doctors."

All orthopedic implants, regardless of their composition, shed debris as they wear. But researchers say they believe that the particles released by all-metal hips pose a special threat because scavenger cells dispatched by the body to neutralize the debris convert it into biologically active metallic ions. In some patients, a chain reaction begins that can destroy tissue, muscle and bone.

For researchers like Kwon, the challenge is to identify both those patients most at risk and the best ways to monitor them. □

# Americans get pot from US government

**NIGEL DUARA**

**Associated Press**

**EUGENE, Oregon (AP)** —

Sometime after midnight on a moonlit rural Oregon highway, a state trooper checking a car he had just pulled over found less than an ounce of pot on one passenger: A chatty 72-year-old woman blind in one eye.

She insisted the weed was legal and was approved by the U.S. government.

The trooper and his supervisor were doubtful. But after a series of calls to the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Drug Enforcement Agency and her physician, the troopers handed her back the card — and her pot.

For the past three decades, Uncle Sam has been providing a handful of patients with some of the highest grade marijuana around. The program grew out of a 1976 court settlement that

created the country's first legal pot smoker.

Advocates for legalizing marijuana or treating it as a medicine say the program is a glaring contradiction in the nation's 40-year war on drugs — maintaining the federal ban on pot while at the same time supplying it. Government officials say there is no contradiction. The program is no longer accepting new patients, and public health authorities have concluded that there was no scientific value to it, Steven Gust of the U.S. National Institute on Drug Abuse told The Associated Press. At one point, 14 people were getting government pot. Now, there are four left.

The government has only continued to supply the marijuana "for compassionate reasons," Gust said.

One of the recipients is Elvy Musikka, the chatty Oregon

woman. A vocal marijuana advocate, Musikka relies on the pot to keep her glaucoma under control. She entered the program in 1988, and said that her experience with marijuana is proof that it works as a medicine.

They "won't acknowledge the fact that I do not have even one aspirin in this house," she said, leaning back on her couch, glass bong cradled in her hand. "I have no pain."

Marijuana is getting a look from states around the country considering calls to repeal decades-old marijuana prohibition laws. There are 16 states that have medical marijuana programs. In the three West Coast states, advocates are readying tax-and-sell or other legalization programs.

Marijuana was legal for much of U.S. history and



**Elvy Musikka, 72, who suffers from glaucoma, shows the canister holding marijuana cigarettes she regularly receives from the U.S. Government in Eugene, Ore., Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2011. For the past three decades, the federal government has been providing a handful of patients with some of the highest grade marijuana around. The program grew out of a 1976 court settlement that created the country's first legal pot smoker.**

(AP Photo/Don Ryan)

was recognized as a medicine in 1850. Opposition to it began to gather and, by 1936, 48 states had passed laws regulating pot, fearing

it could lead to addiction. Anti-marijuana literature and films, like the infamous "Reefer Madness," helped fan those fears. □

# Review: Software for recording now, playing later

RACHEL METZ

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

If the idea of being stuck on a plane for hours without access to the movies in your Netflix queue fills you with dread, software that lets you record streaming videos from the Web and watch them later on your laptop may be an appealing solution.

That's the idea behind PlayLater, which bills itself as "the DVR for online videos." It can record content from a number of different online sources — including Hulu, YouTube and Netflix — and save it to your computer. It costs \$5 per month, or \$50 per year. New users can try it free for two weeks before paying.

If you buy or rent more than a couple of digital videos from Amazon.com Inc. or Apple Inc.'s iTunes Store ev-

ery month, PlayLater could sound like a money-saver. And while it's a potentially useful product, it needs a lot of improvement before I'd be willing to shell out for it.

There's also a possibility that websites like Netflix will find a way to block PlayLater. They'd probably want to, since it doesn't jibe with the way they do business. In general, streaming movies are sold for less than ones available for download, so both websites and studios stand to lose from PlayLater. Websites don't want you to skip their commercials, either.

It's unlikely that websites and studios would have legal recourse against PlayLater and its parent company MediaMall Technologies Inc., since it's been established that digital video recorders (like TiVos) are



legal, but you never know. A spokeswoman for MediaMall said PlayLater is affiliated with some companies whose content it streams. Basically, the software works like this: When you click on a video within the PlayLater application to save it onto your computer, it plays the video in a hidden Internet browser window and copies it from there.

This means it copies streaming video in real time, so you'll have to allow a full 93 minutes to record the pilot of David Lynch's early '90s TV drama "Twin Peaks." If you're saving a video that includes commercials,

they'll be in there, too, but you'll be able to skip past them when viewing.

The software, which for now only works on PCs running Microsoft's Windows, is simple to download from the PlayLater.tv website and install. It works with 30 sites, or "channels," ranging from the aforementioned Netflix, YouTube and Hulu to Cartoon Network, ESPN, Comedy Central and Internet radio service Pandora. For password-protected sites like Netflix, you'll have to enter your login info.

The software is not hard to navigate, but it's ugly and cumbersome with lots

of text and few images. You typically have to click through several levels of tabs to find the video clip, movie or TV show you want. Fortunately, some of the channels have a search bar, and when available I found it was usually easier to just use this to find what I wanted.

The resulting videos, which I played back through the Windows Media Player, were somewhat fuzzy and colors are noticeably bland — probably a result of the software copying already-compressed streaming video and then compressing it again. □

## Verizon sues to overturn 'net neutrality' rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — Verizon Communications, the largest U.S. cell phone carrier, is suing to overturn new government regulations governing the flow of Internet traffic. The lawsuit filed Friday in Washington's U.S. Court of Appeals contends the Federal Communications Commission overstepped its authority in setting its so-called "net neutrality" rules last year. The regulations are scheduled to go into effect in two months. They prohibit Internet service providers from discriminating against or giving special treatment to particular online services or content. That may seem like a good idea, but the FCC had a hard time coming up with a solution that pleases everyone. Earlier this week, a media and Internet advocacy group sued to block the rules in a Boston federal court. The group, Free Press, objects to a provision that gives cell phone companies some flexibility to manage traffic so their wireless systems aren't overwhelmed. Verizon Communications Inc. doesn't think the FCC should be involved at all.

"We are deeply concerned by the FCC's assertion of broad authority to impose potentially sweeping and unneeded regulations on broadband networks and services and on the Internet itself," said Michael Glover, Verizon's general counsel. "We believe this assertion of authority is inconsistent with the statute and will create uncertainty for the communications industry, innovators, investors and consumers."

Verizon filed a similar suit against the FCC's regulations earlier this year, but it was thrown out after the court determined the complaint was premature. Since then, the new rules were published in the Federal Register, giving Verizon a new opportunity to mount a challenge. □

## Harry Potter e-book sales postponed until 2012

LONDON (AP) — Harry Potter fans will have to wait a bit longer to buy the magic tales in electronic form.

The creators of the online Potter portal said Friday that the launch of an e-book store has been pushed back to next year.

The seven Harry Potter books had been due to go on sale in October, exclusively through the "Pottermore" website.

The site is a combination of virtual encyclopedia, role-playing game and online community for fans of author J.K. Rowling's boy wizard.

It launched in July and is so far accessible to 1 million registered users chosen through an online competition.

In a blog posting on the site, "Pottermore" management said registration would be open to everyone from the end of October, and the online store would open in

"the first half of 2012."

The posting said use of the site so far had been "phenomenal," and the delay would "allow us to focus on our first priority: opening 'Pottermore' to as many people as possible and making the experience as good as it can be."

The Harry Potter novels have sold 450 million copies — and made Rowling one of the world's richest women, with a fortune estimated by Forbes magazine at \$1 billion — but have never been available as e-books. Rowling annoyed some booksellers with her decision to circumvent established retailers and sell the e-books and digital audio books through her own site.

The creators of "Pottermore" say the books will be compatible with popular e-readers, including Amazon's Kindle, Sony's Reader and Apple's iPad. □

## Bank of America website problems continue

**CANDICE CHOI**

**AP Personal Finance Writer  
 NEW YORK (AP)** — Bank

of America's homepage and online banking service were experiencing problems Friday, a day after the company said it would start charging a \$5 monthly fee for customers who make debit card purchases.

A message on the bank's homepage said that page was temporarily unavailable, despite earlier assurances from the bank that the site had been fully restored.

Some customers who tried to sign onto their accounts were greeted with the message that the site was "operating slower than usual" and that the bank was working to restore service.

A spokeswoman for the bank, Tara Burke, said the site had been fully restored for the majority of customers but that some were still experiencing "sporadic" issues. She said the problems with the website were not the result of hacking but declined to say what was the cause.

Burke said customers who couldn't sign onto their accounts still could bank via text message, at ATMs and



In this Sept. 12, 2011 photo, a Bank of America customer uses an ATM machine at a branch in Mountain View, Calif. When Bank of America starts charging customers a \$5 monthly fee in 2012 to swipe their debit cards, the 38.7 million people who carry them Associated Press will have to decide if the convenience is worth the money.

at branches.

Bank of America, based in Charlotte, North Carolina, is the largest U.S. bank by deposits. It offers customers a free eBanking account if they do all their banking online and at ATMs. Customers are charged an \$8.95 monthly fee for the account if they also use branch locations. □

## Paris readies electric car-sharing program

**VAUCRESSON, France (AP)**

— Paris is preparing to flip the switch on what aims to be one of the world's largest electric car-sharing programs.

Organizers say Autolib', so-named after Paris' Velib' bike sharing system, will begin a two-month testing phase Sunday before full-scale operations begin Dec. 5. At first 250 of the four-seat "Bluecars" will be available for hire, but organizers say they hope to expand that to 3,000 cars at 1,000 parking stations around Paris and neighboring towns by the end of next year. Tourists will be able to use the service as long as they have a driver's license recognized in France. □



Members of the media take a look at a Bluecar, an electric powered car made by French company Bolloré, at a media presentation in Vaucresson, west of Paris, Friday Sept. 30, 2011.

Associated Press



In this Thursday, Sept. 29, 2011 photo, shoppers carry their purchases as they walk along Lincoln Road in Miami Beach, Fla. The Commerce Department said Friday, Sept. 30, 2011 that consumer spending rose 0.2 percent in August after a revised 0.7 percent increase in July.

Associated Press

## U.S. incomes fall for first time in nearly two years

**By MARTIN CRUTSINGER**

**AP Economics Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** —

Americans earned less last month, the first decline in nearly two years. With less income, consumers could cut back on spending and weaken an already-fragile economy. Consumers spent more in August, but their pace slowed from the previous month. Most of the increase went to pay higher prices for food and gas. When adjusted for inflation, spending was flat. Many people tapped their savings to cover the steeper costs. The savings rate fell last month to its lowest level since December 2009.

The decline in income offered "more evidence that households are in quite a bind," said Paul Dales, senior U.S. economist at Capital Economics. Consumer spending rose 0.2 percent last month, after growing 0.7 percent in July, the Commerce Department said Friday. Incomes fell 0.1 percent, which was the first decline since October 2009. The data also contributed to a rough day of Wall Street. The Dow Jones industrial average tumbled to close 240 points down.

Broader indexes also fell.

When people have less income, they spend less and that slows growth. Consumers spending accounts for 70 percent of economic activity. The economy grew just 0.9 percent in the first half of the year, the worst six-month stretch since the recession officially ended more than two years ago. Most economists have been predicting the second half of the year will be slightly better, in part because gas prices have come down since peaking this spring.

Dales estimates 2.5 percent growth in the July-September quarter and 1.5 percent in the final three months of the year. Those estimates take into account the weaker income figures. Such growth may be enough to calm recession fears. But it is far from what is needed to lower the unemployment rate, which was 9.1 percent in August. And Dales cautioned that he might have to lower his estimates even further if consumers have less money to spend. "Households haven't seen their incomes increase at all this year. That goes a long way to explain

why consumption growth has been so weak," Dales said. "Job growth is stagnant and even those people who do have a job are not in a position to spend because their incomes are not growing."

Most people probably didn't experience an actual pay cut last month. But the economy added no new jobs.

And among those who were working, average hourly earnings dropped 3 cents and hours worked fell slightly. Those factors combined to lower wages and salaries. Many retailers, particularly discounters like Target Corp. and Wal-Mart Stores Inc., have cut workers' hours. They're under pressure to trim expenses, said Burt Flickinger III, president of retail consultancy Strategic Resource Group, and labor is the biggest expense after inventory. In June, Target had its first union election in two decades after facing allegations that it paid skimpy wages and reduced hours at a Valley Stream, N.Y. store. However, Target has repeatedly denied there was a companywide plan to reduce workers' hours. □

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## Oil back at price last seen a year ago

**CHRIS KAHN**  
**AP Energy Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Oil prices are back to where they were a year ago.

On Friday benchmark crude dropped \$2.94, or 3.6 percent, to end the day at \$79.20 per barrel in New York. Prices haven't finished that low since Sept. 29, 2010. Since then crude peaked near \$114 a barrel in May of this year. It's fallen 31 percent since then as worries grew about the global economy.

Government data pointed to further economic troubles heading into a traditionally weak time for petroleum demand. The Commerce Department said that Americans are earning less money, which could

affect consumer spending and demand for oil. And October is usually a slow month in the oil business. The summer driving season is over, and it will be a couple of months before heating demand perks up and travelers set out for winter holidays.

"There just isn't any demand here in the U.S.," independent oil analyst Andrew Lipow said.

Brent crude, used to price many international kinds of oil, lost \$1.19 to finish at \$102.76 in London.

Oil has swung up and down in the last few weeks, as the European financial crisis roiled energy markets. By Friday traders had turned their attention to falling crude price forecasts from

major investment firms.

Morgan Stanley this week dropped its forecast for Brent crude by \$30 to an average of \$100 per barrel in 2012.

Analyst Hussein Allidina cut the price to match tepid global economic growth and a recovery in Libyan oil production.

Allidina expects "significant supply increases and a material slowing in demand" by the second quarter of next year.

In other energy trading, heating oil fell 4.73 cents to finish at \$2.7793 per gallon and gasoline futures dropped 2.05 cents to end at \$2.5381 per gallon. Natural gas lost 8.1 cents to end the day at \$3.666 per 1,000 cubic feet. □



Cars line up at the pumps at an Exxon mini-mart in Carnegie, Pa., Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2011. Gas prices fell just over a penny to a national average of \$3.47 per gallon on Wednesday, Sept. 28, down a penny from yesterday.

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This file combination photo displays logos for AT&T, left, and Deutsche Telekom AG. The Justice Department filed suit Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2011, to block AT&T's \$39 billion deal to buy T-Mobile USA on grounds that it would raise prices for consumers.

Associated Press

**PETER SVENSSON**  
**AP Technology Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — AT&T Inc. on Friday asked a court to eject rival Sprint Nextel Corp. from the process that looks at whether AT&T

should be allowed to buy T-Mobile USA. Sprint, the third-largest U.S. cellphone company, and a smaller phone company, Cellular South, both want to be parallel participants in the Justice

## AT&T wants Sprint suit over T-Mobile deal quashed

Department's suit against AT&T's acquisition on anti-trust grounds. Participating would give them a chance to affect the proceedings, even if the Justice Department is the most important objector to the deal. AT&T on Friday filed a motion to have the complaints by the two phone companies dismissed, saying Sprint and Cellular South are speaking in their own interests, not the public's. Sprint said AT&T's motion is without merit, and it will respond next week. Cellular South, which recently changed its brand name to C Spire Wireless, did not immedi-

ately respond to a request for comment. AT&T, the No. 2 cellphone carrier in the United States, announced in March its \$39 billion deal to buy T-Mobile USA, the No. 4, with a view to closing it early next year.

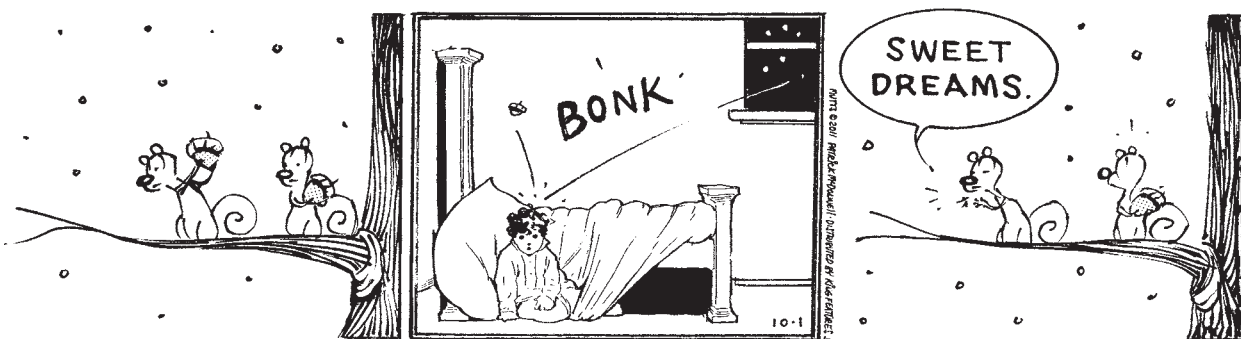
The Justice Department filed suit to stop the deal a month ago in U.S. District Court in Washington, saying it would concentrate too much market power in one company, leading to higher prices for consumers. AT&T says the merger will allow it to better serve customers and expand its wireless network. Several states have joined the suit. Puerto

Rico joined on Friday. AT&T on Friday said Sprint has "spoken disingenuously" about its motives for the merger, and has suggested that Sprint be allowed to buy T-Mobile USA.

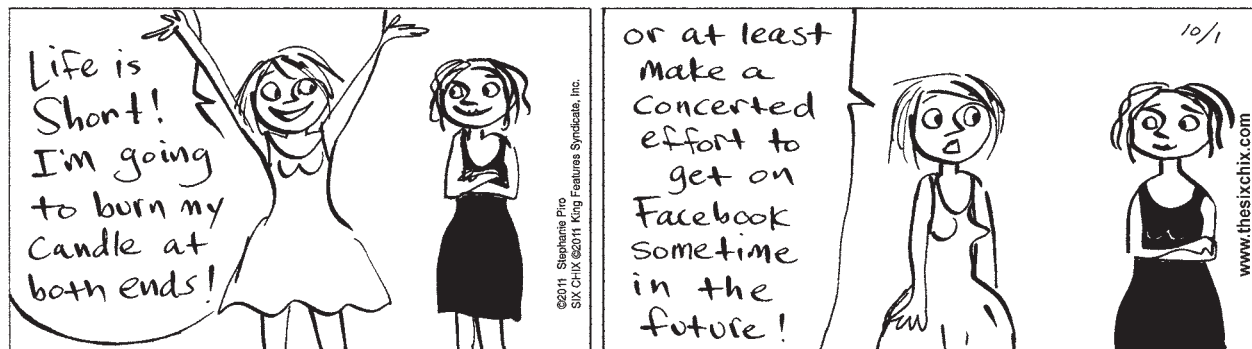
Cellular South has suggested that it would not oppose the merger if AT&T would agree not to put up its own cellular antennas in Mississippi, Cellular South's home territory.

"Such an extraordinary and inappropriate proposal simply confirms that what Cellular South fears is competition, not an alleged lack of competition," AT&T said Friday. □

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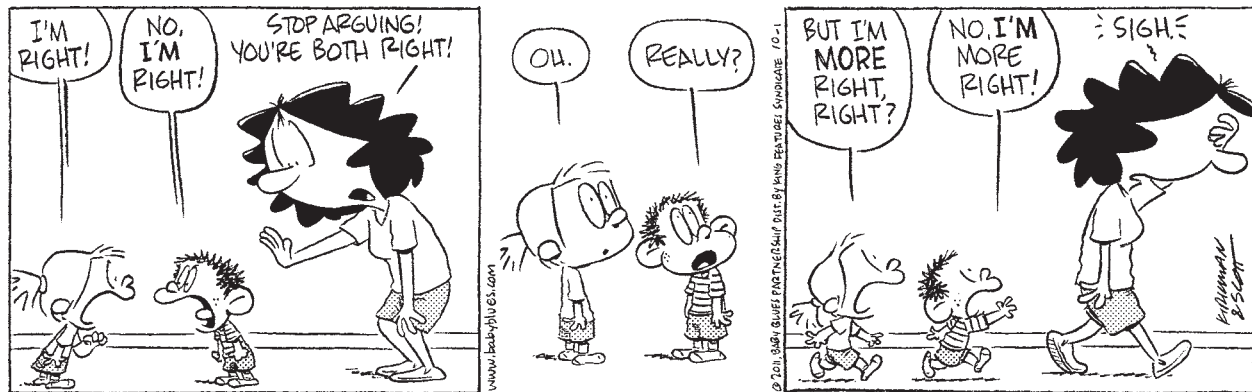
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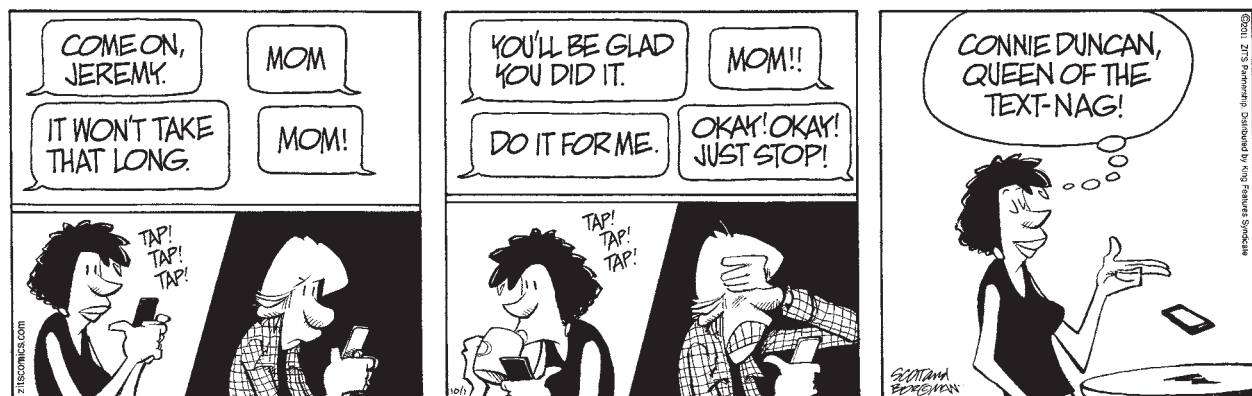
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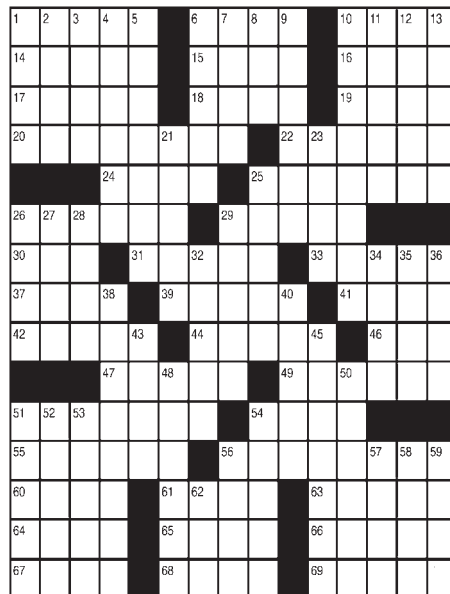
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

6	7	4	8	1	2	9	3	5
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2	9	7	1	5	4	3	8	6
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5	4	2	3	8	1	6	7	9
8	6	9	4	7	5	2	1	3
7	1	3	2	9	6	5	4	8

**ACROSS**

- Capital of Oregon
- Keep \_\_ on; watch closely
- Insincerely smooth
- Coeur d' \_\_, ID
- Aid in plotting
- Dollar abroad
- Tumbler
- Casino game
- Read quickly
- Lent a hand
- Revolve
- Make progress
- Perplexes
- Absorbent pad
- Toothed-leaved birch tree
- Goal
- Use the rubber end of a pencil
- Head supports
- Puncture
- Stringed instrument
- Great \_\_; very tall dog
- Sultan's wives
- Unit equal to about 1 quart
- Allow
- God \_\_ talents; natural gifts
- Supermarket rows
- \_\_ for; craved
- Foot's instep
- More uneasy
- Not needing to be dry-cleaned
- Furious
- Actor Sandler
- Zoom skyward
- To no \_\_; fruitlessly
- S, M, L or XL
- Thus
- Nonconformist
- Nicklaus' pegs
- Seldom \_\_; rare
- Frock or gown



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**Friday's Puzzle Solved**

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**DOWN**

- Long story
- " \_\_ well that ends well"

- Pastures
- Naval officer
- Communiqué
- \_\_ for granted; unappreciated
- Not up yet
- Actor Gazzara
- Stowed away
- Used hand signals
- Film producer George \_\_
- Furious
- Tibia and femur
- Wedding cake sections
- Eerie indication
- Sheep's cry
- Cummerbund
- Pocket bread
- Actor Sharif
- "The Addams Family" actor
- Felt miserable
- Summon
- Leg joint
- \_\_ up; arranges
- Gets dirty
- Raises, as kids
- Not his, hers or yours
- Nixon or Pryor
- Stanzas
- Razor user
- Bread ingredient
- Liz's Fisher
- Staring
- Duelist Burr
- Salary
- Movie about a pig
- Fibs
- Perpendicular additions
- Miner's find

# Today In History

## The Associated Press

**Today is Saturday, October 1, the 274th day of 2011. There are 91 days left in the year.**

**Highlights in history on this date:**

1273 - Count Rudolf IV of Habsburg is crowned German King Rudolf and establishes the house of Habsburg in Austrian provinces.

1596 - Duke of Norfolk is imprisoned by Britain's Queen Elizabeth for attempting to marry Mary Queen of Scots.

1800 - Spain cedes Louisiana to France in a secret treaty.

1838 - The first Anglo-Afghan War begins with the British heading for Kabul to prevent increasing Russian influence from threatening British position in India.

1887 - Baluchistan is united with India.

1918 - An American unit fighting in World War I gains fame as the Lost Battalion after getting trapped in the Argonne Forest of France. The troops hold out against incredible odds until they are rescued Oct. 8.

1927 - Russian-Persian nonaggression pact is signed.

1928 - Soviet Union inaugurates first five-year plan to increase farm and industrial production.

1949 - The People's Republic of China is proclaimed in Beijing under Mao Zedong, with Zhou Enlai as premier and foreign minister.

1953 - United States agrees to give France US\$385 million in aid to train and equip more Vietnamese, Cambodian and Laotian troops and increase temporary French forces in Indo-China.

1964 - The U.S. Free Speech Movement is launched at the University of California at Berkeley.



**Today is Julie Andrews' birthday.**

1970 - Egypt's Vice President Anwar Sadat succeeds the late Gamal Abdel Nasser as president.

1971 - Walt Disney World opens in Orlando, Florida.

1978 - South Pacific archipelago of Tuvalu, formerly the Ellice Islands, becomes independent from Britain.

1980 - Warsaw court gives legal approval to Poland's first six independent trade unions.

1986 - Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter's presidential library and museum is dedicated in Atlanta.

1989 - Denmark becomes the first nation in the world to allow homosexuals to marry; Communist East Berlin permits exodus of about 7,000 East Germans to the west.

1990 - Minority Serbs in Croatia proclaim autonomy.

1991 - U.S. President George H.W. Bush condemns the military coup in Haiti, suspending economic and military aid and demanding that President Jean-Bertrand Aristide be returned to power.

1992 - Vice President Itamar Franco takes over from Brazil's impeached President Fernando Collor de Mello.

1993 - At a conference in Washington, 43 countries pledge nearly US\$2 billion

to bankroll Palestinians as they prepare for home rule. 1994 - The U.S. National Hockey League team owners begin a 103-day lockout of their players.

1996 - The U.N. Security Council lifts sanctions against Yugoslavia in recognition of Serbia's role in helping bring peace to Bosnia.

1997 - The founder of the militant Hamas movement, Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, is freed from Israel's Ayalon prison and flown to Amman, Jordan.

1998 - Indonesia offers East Timor wide-ranging autonomy, bringing a possible conclusion to 20 years of civil war on the island.

2001 - A Pakistan-based militant group attacks the state legislature in Indian-ruled Kashmir, killing 40 people.

2003 - President Paul Kagame's Rwandan Patriotic Front party wins a majority in the parliamentary elections. It is the nation's first multiparty legislative elections since independence from Belgium in 1962.

2004 - A suicide attacker carrying a bomb in a briefcase strikes at a Shiite mosque crammed with worshippers in eastern Pakistan, killing at least 25 people and wounding more than 50 during prayer service.

2005 - Twin bombings rip through restaurants crowded with foreign tourists on the Indonesian resort island of Bali, killing at least 22 people and wounding more than 50.

2006 - Families in northwest Nigeria are swept away in a torrent of water and up to 40 people are feared dead after a dam collapses.

2007 - A volcano erupts on Jabal al-Tair, a tiny Yemeni island in the Red

Sea, collapsing part of the island, covering the rest with lava, and forcing the evacuation of a small military base.

## Today's Birthdays:

Holy Roman Emperor Charles VI (1685-1740); Paul Dukas, French composer (1865-1935); Vladimir Horowitz, Russian-born pianist (1904-1989); Jimmy Carter, U.S. president (1924--); Julie Andrews, English-born actress (1935--); Youssou N'Dour, Senegalese singer (1959--).

## Thought For Today:

Anything one man can imagine, other men can make real — Jules Verne, French author (1828-1905).

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nearly disappearing altogether, Canadian scientists say in newly published research. The loss is important as a marker of global warming, returning the Canadian

This past summer, Ward Hunt Ice Shelf's central area disintegrated into drifting ice masses, leaving two separate ice shelves measuring 87.65 and 28.75 square miles respectively, reduced from 131.7 square miles the previous year. "It has dramatically broken apart in two separate areas

Copland, who uses satellite imagery and who has conducted field work in the Arctic every May for the past five years, said since the end of July, pieces equaling one and a half times the size of Manhattan Island have broken off. Co-researcher Derek Mueller, an assistant professor at Carleton University's geography and environmental studies department, said the loss this past summer equals up to three billion tons. Copland said their findings have not yet been peer reviewed since the research is new, but a number of scientists contacted

Between 1906 and 1982, there has been a 90 per-cent reduction in the areal extent of ice shelves along the entire coastline, according to data published by W.F. Vincent at Quebec's Laval University. The former extensive "Ellesmere Island Ice Sheet" was reduced to six smaller, separate ice shelves: Serson, Petersen, Milne, Ayles, Ward Hunt and Markham. In 2005, the Ayles Ice Shelf whittled almost completely away, as did the Markham Ice Shelf in 2008 and the Serson this year. □

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## You Betcha!': talking with Palin's parents and ex-friends

A.O. SCOTT

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Toward the end of "Sarah Palin: You Betcha!," Nick Broomfield (who directed this documentary with Joan Churchill) shouts a question from the floor of one of Palin's speaking engagements.

"Do you think your political career is over?" he asks, before being escorted from the premises by security guards.

It is certainly a fair question, and one that continues to reverberate more than two years after Palin quit her last elected post — she was governor of Alaska, you may recall — halfway through her first term. If the answer turns out to be "yes," then Broomfield's film will seem irrelevant, a belated

says, when he requests an interview — and in her hometown, Wasilla, he has some friendly encounters with her parents, Chuck and Sally Heath.

He spends a lot of time with Palin's local critics, many of whom are former friends and political allies. They testify — not for the first time — to the intensity of her ambition and also to a mean, vindictive streak in her character. The phrase "thrown under the bus" is often uttered, referring to what happens to anyone whose loyalty comes into question or whose usefulness comes to an end.

If its subject joins the Republican presidential field, "Sarah Palin: You Betcha!" might serve as a



In this film image released by the Freestyle Releasing, director Nick Broomfield poses with a cardboard cut-out of former Republican Vice Presidential candidate Sarah Palin in a scene from the documentary "Sarah Palin: You Betcha!" The film is being presented at the Toronto International Film Festival. (AP Photo/ Freestyle Releasing)

footnote to a curious chapter in the intersection of American politics and the culture of celebrity. But if Palin should decide to run for president (you will have to look elsewhere for predictions), then "Sarah Palin: You Betcha!" is more likely to seem inadequate. Broomfield, a genial British pop-cultural muckraker whose previous films include "Kurt and Courtney" and "Biggie and Tupac," makes much of his efforts to track down Palin. At a book signing in Texas, he seems to secure a promise of cooperation from her — "I bet we can make that happen," she

reminder for citizens who have forgotten about the Alaska trooper inquiry, or Palin's feud with the former president of the Alaska Senate, Lyda Green, or her fumbling interviews with Katie Couric and Charles Gibson.

But it offers little in the way of novel insights into Wasilla, Palin or American political life. Unlike Joe McGinniss' new book, "The Rogue," Broomfield's film does not uncover new information or even report fresh rumors. It feels warmed over, devoid of urgency and, in spite of Broomfield's on-camera displays of doggedness, lacking in curiosity. □

## Shania Twain testifies against accused stalker



Canadian singer Shania Twain makes an appearance during the CMA Fan Festival in Nashville, Tenn. A man accused of stalking Twain interrupted testimony, in his trial in Toronto and declared in an outburst that he would plead guilty. Giovanni Palumbo is charged with three counts of failure to comply with a court order and criminal harassment by watching and besetting.

(AP Photo/Wade Payne)

**TORONTO (AP)** — Canadian country star Shania Twain testified Friday that she has compassion for a man accused of stalking her but remains concerned that he will continue to pursue her. Giovanni Palumbo has been charged with three counts of failure to comply with a court order and criminal harassment. He had pleaded not guilty

earlier this week but after listening to testimony Friday from Twain, Palumbo's lawyer told court that his client would plead guilty to both charges. Lawyer Gary Barnes said that hearing Twain's heartfelt testimony stirred a revelation in Palumbo.

"He realized: 'My God, I have upset her,'" Barnes told reporters after court

had adjourned for the day. The former Ottawa doctor allegedly sent Twain a series of letters, made unwanted visits to her family cottage in Ontario and even attended her grandmother's funeral before being arrested at a Canadian awards ceremony this year. Before he pleaded guilty Friday, Barnes said during Twain's cross-examination that Palumbo simply didn't realize that Twain wasn't interested. But Twain, appearing via video link from an undisclosed location in Europe, didn't see it that way.

"I'm torn emotionally because I have compassion for anybody who's reaching out in need — fans often do that," she said. "I feel very sad ... and awkward having to go through these very personal matters with Mr. Palumbo because it's such an invasion of his privacy." However, Twain said nothing she heard at the trial made her feel differently about Palumbo.

"I still have the fear and anxiety of being contacted in the future by Mr. Palumbo.

And I do want it to stop," she said. For the second day in a row, the process seemed to become too much for Palumbo, who was clad on Friday in a rumpled black suit and navy slip-on sneakers. Twain was recounting the contents of numerous letters allegedly sent to her by Palumbo when the former doctor leapt to his feet and addressed the court loudly. □

## Sting:

## 'I want 25 more years of music'

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Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — At 85, Tony Bennett released an album that debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard albums chart this week. Sting, who turns 60 on Sunday, is hoping he will still be going strong at 85, too.

"Hopefully the next 25 years will be the same if I have it," the Rock and Roll Hall of Famer said of his own success. "I couldn't live

without music. I'd rather play music or die."

Sting is celebrating 25 years as solo artist; in the late 1970s he debuted as the leader of The Police, scoring massive hits with songs like "Every Breath You Take" and "Every Little Thing She Does Is Magic." As a solo singer, he went on to sell multiple multiplatinum albums — and overall, he is the owner of 16 Grammy Awards. This week he released "Sting: 25

Years," his 3-disc greatest hits set. On Oct. 18, he will release "Sting: The Best of 25 Years," which features 12 remastered tracks from his solo career. Sting says he has no plans to release a new album, though he says he is writing a musical-play "based on my hometown in the north of England. It's about shipbuilding." It will be directed by Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award winner Brian Yorkey. □

Daltrey:

# Music lacking lead singers



Roger Daltrey of The Who performs during halftime of the NFL Super Bowl XLIV football game in Miami. Daltrey, lead singer of The Who, says there aren't many contemporary singers who could "lead" a band. He partially blames shows like "American Idol" for this.

(AP Photo/Matt Slocum, File)

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blames shows like "American Idol" for it.

"A lot of the new people they choose on shows like 'American Idol' and things like that — I don't ever hear lead singers," he said. "They always seem to choose to pick people that are great singers, fabulous singers, but they've never got the voice that makes a great lead singer."

Daltrey, 67, went on to name drop some of music's best singers: "You hear 10 seconds of Rod Stewart, you know it's Rod Stewart. Ten-seconds of Mick Jagger, that's Mick Jagger. Ten-seconds of Eddie Vedder, you know that's Eddie."

English-born Daltrey says there is one exception in today's music scene: Adele.

"I mean, I love Adele. That's a lead singer, that's the real deal," he said of the British soul singer, whose sophomore CD "21" is the year's top-selling album in the United States and the United Kingdom.

So, would Daltrey join the panel of a singing show to fix what he believes is wrong?

"I'd probably throw them all out," he said, laughing.

"I quite like the idea of 'The Voice' — that new show, simply because they have to choose the voices," he said. "They might present me with 50 voices and if I didn't like any of them I couldn't work with any of them. It would be pointless."

Daltrey made the comments while promoting his latest tour, "Roger Daltrey Performs The Who's Tommy," which kicked off earlier this month.

"I rediscovered how fabulous it is as a piece of music and I decided it needs to be heard," Daltrey said of The Who's 1969 "Tommy" album.

The CD, mostly composed by band mate and guitarist Pete Townshend, became a Broadway musical in 1993; a film version was released in 1975. □



The Phantom, played by Ramin Karimloo, right, performs a scene with Christine, played by Sierra Boggess, from the sequel to The Phantom of the Opera, "Love Never Dies" at the Adelphi Theatre in central London. Producers will broadcast on Sunday a live performance of the original show "The Phantom of the Opera" from London's 5,500-seat Royal Albert Hall to movie houses in America, the UK, Europe, Canada, Japan and Australia. The live performance — one of three shows at the hall — will be followed by rebroadcasts to cinemas on Oct. 5, 6 and 11.

(AP Photo/Joel Ryan, file)

## 'Phantom of the Opera' at 25 offers special show

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AP Drama Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Andrew Lloyd Webber's "The Phantom of the Opera" will celebrate its 25th anniversary this weekend with a lavish birthday party that will certainly involve someone swinging from a chandelier.

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"To celebrate such an extraordinary event as 25 years, we wanted to do something special, above and beyond just another gala performance," producer Cameron Mackintosh said in an interview from London. "We both thought that the most theatrical space with a number of seats was the Royal Albert Hall."

Ramin Karimloo and Sierra Boggess, who co-starred in the "Phantom" sequel "Love Never Dies" in London, will reunite for the special production. More than 200 original and current cast members, musicians and special guests are expected to make appearances at the Royal Albert Hall. In the U.S., the broadcast will be available on 500 screens in 43 states, from Alaska to West Virginia. It will also be released in the UK on DVD, CD and Blu-ray starting in November and in the U.S. in 2012.

The show's original director, Hal Prince, who has directed or produced more than 50 musicals, plays and operas, including "Damn Yankees," "West Side Story," "Fiddler on the Roof," "Cabaret," "A Little Night Music" and "Sweeney Todd," thinks "Phantom" touched a need.

"It's more escapist than certainly anything I've ever worked on," he says. "The audience has all these stressful problems and they buy a ticket and go into a theater and lose themselves in another world entirely — and a romantic one. I think that's probably cause for its longevity."

The musical first opened on London's West End at the 1,200-seat Her Majesty's Theatre on Oct. 9, 1986, with Michael Crawford and Sarah Brightman in the lead roles. It's still there, more than 10,000 performances later.

It crossed the Atlantic and opened on Broadway on Jan. 26, 1988, and has clocked more than 9,800 performances, becoming the Great White Way's longest-running show ever. □

## Swiss TV axes beauty pageant



Miss Switzerland 2011 Alina Buchschacher smiles after being elected during the Miss Schweiz 2011 contest in Lugano, Switzerland. Swiss national television says it will stop showing the country's "Miss Switzerland" beauty pageant because viewers are increasingly zapping away. The long-running show is a fixture of Swiss popular culture and winners are guaranteed lucrative advertising deals and society engagements for a year. Swiss television said Friday Sept. 30, 2011 that its 25.7 percent audience share for the final was below what it would expect for a Saturday evening broadcast.

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The network, which is funded through a compulsory household charge, axed broadcasts of the "Mister Switzerland" show in May, citing similar reasons.

Spokeswoman Manuela Kaech said the format "doesn't fit our entertainment profile anymore." □

# The limits of empathy



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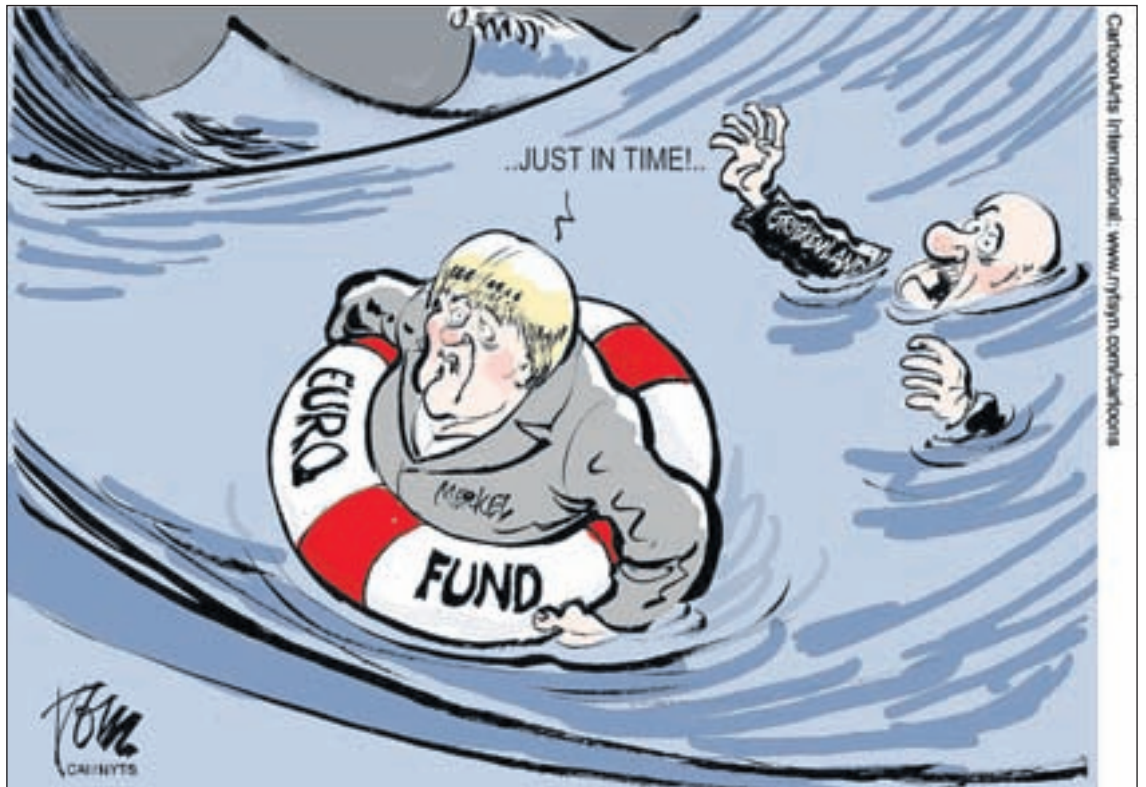
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We are surrounded by people trying to make the world a better place. Peace activists bring enemies together so they can get to know one another and feel each other's pain. School leaders try to attract a diverse set of students so each can understand what it's like to walk in the others' shoes. Religious and community groups try to cultivate empathy. As Steven Pinker writes in his mind-altering new book, "The Better Angels of Our Nature," we are living in the middle of an "empathy craze." There are shelfloads of books about it: "The Age of Empathy," "The Empathy Gap," "The Empathic Civilization," "Teaching Empathy." There's even a brain theory that we have mirror neurons in our heads that enable us to feel what's in other people's heads and that these neurons lead to sympathetic care and moral action. There's a lot of truth to all this. We do have mirror neurons in our heads. People who are empathetic are more sensitive to the perspectives and sufferings of others. They are more likely to make compassionate moral judgments. The problem comes when we try to turn feeling into action. Empathy makes you more aware of other people's suffering, but it's not clear it actually motivates you to take moral action or prevents you from taking immoral action. In the early days of the Holocaust, Nazi prison guards sometimes wept as they mowed down Jewish women and children, but they still did it. Subjects in the famous Milgram experiments felt anguish as they appeared to administer electric shocks to other research subjects, but they pressed on because some guy in a lab coat told them to. Empathy orients you toward moral action, but it doesn't seem to help much when that action comes at a personal cost.

You may feel a pang for the homeless guy on the other side of the street, but the odds are that you are not going to cross the street to give him a dollar. There have been piles of studies investigating the link between empathy and moral action. Different scholars come to different conclusions, but, in a recent paper, Jesse Prinz, a philosopher at City University of New York, summarized the research this way: "These studies

suggest that empathy is not a major player when it comes to moral motivation. Its contribution is negligible in children, modest in adults, and nonexistent when costs are significant." Other scholars have called empathy a "fragile flower," easily crushed by self-concern. Some influences, which we think of as trivial, are much stronger – such as a temporary burst of positive emotion. In one experiment in the 1970s, researchers planted a dime in a phone booth. Eighty-seven percent of the people who found the dime offered to help a person who dropped some papers nearby, compared with only 4 percent who didn't find a dime. Empathy doesn't produce anything like this kind of effect. Moreover, Prinz argues, empathy often leads people astray. It influences people to care more about cute victims than ugly victims. It leads to nepotism. It subverts justice; juries give lighter sentences to defendants that show sadness. It leads us to react to shocking incidents, like a hurricane, but not longstanding conditions, like global hunger or preventable diseases.

Nobody is against empathy. Nonetheless, it's insufficient. These days empathy has become a shortcut. It has become a way to experience delicious moral emotions without confronting the weaknesses in our nature that prevent us from actually acting upon them. It has become a way to experience the illusion of moral progress without having to do the nasty work of making moral judgments. In a culture that is inarticulate about moral categories and touchy about giving offense, teaching empathy is a safe way for schools and other institutions to seem virtuous without risking controversy or hurting anybody's feelings. People who actually perform pro-social action don't only feel for those who are suffering, they feel compelled to act by a sense of duty. Their lives are structured by sacred codes. Think of anybody you admire. They probably have some talent for fellow-feeling, but it is overshadowed by their sense of obligation to some religious, military, social or philosophic code. They would feel a sense of shame or guilt if they didn't live up to the code. The code tells them when they deserve public admiration or dishonor. The code helps them evaluate other people's feelings, not just share them. The code tells them that an adulterer or a drug dealer may feel ecstatic, but the proper response is still contempt. The code isn't just a set of rules. It's a source of identity. It's pursued with joy. It arouses the strongest emotions and attachments. Empathy is a sideshow. If you want to make the world a better place, help people debate, understand, reform, revere and enact their codes. Accept that codes conflict. □



# Phony fear factor



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The good news: After spending a year and a half talking about deficits, deficits, deficits when we should have been talking about jobs, job, jobs, we're finally back to discussing the right issue. The bad news: Republicans, aided and abetted by many conservative policy intellectuals, are fixated on a view about what's blocking job creation that fits their prejudices and serves the interests of their wealthy backers, but bears no relationship to reality. Listen to just about any speech by a Republican presidential hopeful, and you'll hear assertions that the Obama administration is responsible for weak job growth. How so? The answer, repeated again and again, is that businesses are afraid to expand and create jobs because they fear costly regulations and higher taxes. Nor are politicians the only people saying this. Conservative economists repeat the claim in op-ed articles, and Federal Reserve officials repeat it to justify their opposition to even modest efforts to aid the economy. The first thing you need to know, then, is that there's no evidence supporting this claim and a lot of evidence showing that it's false. The starting point for many claims that antibusiness policies are hurting the economy is the assertion that the sluggishness of the economy's recovery from

recession is unprecedented. But, as a new paper by Lawrence Mishel of the Economic Policy Institute documents at length, this is just not true. Extended periods of "jobless recovery" after recessions have been the rule for the past two decades. Indeed, private-sector job growth since the 2007-2009 recession has been better than it was after the 2001 recession. We might add that major financial crises are almost always followed by a period of slow growth, and U.S. experience is more or less what you should have expected given the severity of the 2008 shock.

Still, isn't there something odd about the fact that businesses are making large profits and sitting on a lot of cash but aren't spending that cash to expand capacity and employment? No. After all, why should businesses expand when they're not using the capacity they already have? The bursting of the housing bubble and the overhang of household debt have left consumer spending depressed and many businesses with more capacity than they need and no reason to add more. Business investment always responds strongly to the state of the economy, and given how weak our economy remains you shouldn't be surprised if investment remains low. If anything, business spending has been stronger than one might have predicted given slow growth and high unemployment. But aren't business people complaining about the burden of taxes and regulations? Yes, but no more than usual. Mishel points out that the National Federation of Independent Business has been surveying small businesses for almost 40 years, asking them to name their most important problem. Taxes and regulations always rank high on the list, but what stands out now is a surge in the number of businesses

citing poor sales – which strongly suggests that lack of demand, not fear of government, is holding business back. So Republican assertions about what ails the economy are pure fantasy, at odds with all the evidence. Should we be surprised? At one level, of course not. Politicians who always cater to wealthy business interests say that economic recovery requires catering to wealthy business interests. Who could have imagined it? Yet it seems to me that there is something different about the current state of economic discussion. Political parties have often coalesced around dubious economic ideas – remember the Laffer curve? – but I can't think of a time when a party's economic doctrine has been so completely divorced from reality. And I'm also struck by the extent to which Republican-leaning economists – who have to know better – have been willing to lend their credibility to the party's official delusions. Partly, no doubt, this reflects the party's broader slide into its own insular intellectual universe. Large segments of the GOP reject climate science and even the theory of evolution, so why expect evidence to matter for the party's economic views? And it also, of course, reflects the political need of the right to make everything bad in America President Barack Obama's fault. Never mind the fact that the housing bubble, the debt explosion and the financial crisis took place on the watch of a conservative, free-market-praising president; it's that Democrat in the White House now who gets the blame. But good politics can be very bad policy. The truth is that we're in this mess because we had too little regulation, not too much. And now one of our two major parties is determined to double down on the mistakes that caused the disaster. □



A model wears a creation as part of Christian Dior's spring-summer 2012 ready-to-wear collection presented Friday, Sept. 30, 2011 in Paris.

(AP Photo/Francois Mori)



A model wears a creation by French fashion designer Roland Mouret for his spring-summer 2012 ready-to-wear collection, presented Friday, Sept. 30, 2011 in Paris.

(AP Photo/Thibault Camus)

# Dior outdoes expectations on day 4 of Paris shows

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**PARIS (AP)** — It was with ill-concealed glee that many in the fashion world were looking forward to Friday's Dior show, when the man with the fraught task of stepping into the oversized shoes of the house's disgraced longtime designer, John Galliano, was showing

show won't go down in the brand's history, but it will surely prove more than enough to keep the customers coming back for more.

An excess of excess was on offer at madcap British designer Vivienne Westwood's anarchic show, where models in full clown makeup and ball gowns

— *scandale des scandales* — could only offer parched guest sparkling water.

Paris' spring-summer 2012 collections cross the half-way mark on Saturday — day five of the City of Light's nin-day-long fashion week — with shows by Viktor & Rolf, Jean Paul Gaultier and Sonia Rykiel, which announced the appointment



A model wears a creation for Lanvin's spring-summer 2012 ready-to-wear collection presented Friday, Sept. 30, 2011 in Paris.

(AP Photo/Jacques Brinon)

his debut ready-to-wear show.

Galliano's longtime right-hand-man and head of Dior's women's studio, fellow Briton Bill Gaytten, had to step up to the plate — and into the spotlight — when Galliano was sacked last March amid a scandal over anti-Semitic slurs he made in a drunken spat at a Paris watering hole.

Gaytten's first effort, last July's couture collection, was nearly universally lambasted by the press, and many industry insiders were taking malicious pleasure out of anticipating another such disaster.

But Gaytten proved up to the task Friday and provided nay-sayers with little fodder for pettiness. The modest designer served up a more than respectable collection of the kinds of pretty suits and gowns the women who buy Dior want and need.

Stripped of the excesses of the Galliano era, the

rubbed shoulders with grunge princesses in shredded knits and argyle knee-socks. XXL looks ruled the catwalks at experimental Belgian house Maison Martin Margiela and at Japanese-born designer Yohji Yamamoto — where many of the clothes looked like they'd been freshly hacked off the fabric bolt.

Anne Valerie Hash tapped into the essence of Parisian chic with a negligee collection of slouchy silken separates that — like cool Parisiennes — just happened to look at once disheveled and sexy and perfect.

With Paris' Indian summer in full swing and temperatures in the ninties, fashion insiders packed into a Right Bank mansion for a cocktail marking Chanel designer Karl Lagerfeld's third collaboration with Italian shoemaker Hogan. Chilled Champagne was in such high demand that the waiters ran out far before the end of the party, and

of a new creative director for ready-to-wear.

In a statement Friday, the Paris-based knitwear brand said Scottish designer April Crichton had been promoted from within to the new role.

Saturday's biggest event — indeed among the biggest events of the entire week — is happening off the official calendar: Superstar musician Kanye West, an inveterate fan of fashion and frequent front-row guest at the shows, is debuting his own women's line at an exclusive runway display late in the evening.

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Under Galliano, Dior took on almost superhuman proportions, with larger-than-life collections and shows to the scale of the British designer's prodigious talent. The house returned to human size with a scaled-down spring-summer collection from Galliano's replacement, Gaytten. □